

APPEALS PANEL.

Minutes of meeting in County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr,
on 6th December 2016 at 10.00 a.m.

- Present: Councillors Ian Cavana (Chair), Brian Connolly, Ann Galbraith and Sandra Goldie.
- Apologies: Councillors John Allan and John Hampton.
- Attending: C. McMenamain, Co-ordinator (Legal Services); J. Dunne, HR Manager (HR Policy and Operations); J. McClure, Committee Services Lead Officer and L. Sands, Committee Services Officer.

1. Exclusion of Press and Public.

The Panel resolved, in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, that the press and public be excluded for the following item of business on the agenda, on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information in terms of paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

2. Declarations of Interest.

In terms of Council Standing Order No.17 and the Councillors' Code of Conduct, Councillor Galbraith stated that, in view of the fact that she was a member and also Chair of organisations concerned with the subject matter which led to the disciplinary sanction being appealed, she had carefully considered her position. She had concluded, however, that she was able to consider the appeal fairly and impartially and that no conflict arose.

3. Minutes of previous meeting.

The minutes of 27th September 2016 (issued) were submitted and approved.

4. Appeal Against Dismissal.

The appellant, an employee of the Health and Social Care Partnership Directorate, was not in attendance and was not represented. K. Leinster, Head of Community Health and Care Services, represented the Council.

Decided: in the absence of the appellant and in accordance with Council Policy, that as the appellant had failed to attend the hearing and had not provided, in writing, acceptable reason why the Panel should not dismiss the appeal, the appeal was dismissed.

The meeting ended at 10.05 a.m.