

APPEALS COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Appeals Committee held within the Council Offices, Rosebery Place, Clydebank on Thursday 11 November 1999.

Present: Councillors Anthony Devine (LAB), Mary Campbell (LAB) and Duncan McDonald (LAB).

Attending: Nigel Ettles, Principal Solicitor.

Apologies for Absence: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors John Trainer (LAB), Mary Collins (LAB), Ronald McColl (SNP) and Ian McDonald (SNP).

Councillor Anthony Devine in the Chair

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Committee approved the following resolution: -

"That under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it may involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Act".

APPEAL AGAINST DISMISSAL

There were submitted background papers relating to an Appeal which had been submitted to the Council in relation to a dismissal. There was also submitted a Note of Interim Procedures which it was agreed would be adopted at the Appeal Hearing.

The Appellant was present and was represented by Tom Morrison of UNISON. The Authority was represented by Owen Mullan, Solicitor. Mr Mullan called as witnesses Carol Logan, Kate Benson and David Burke all of the Department of Social Work and Housing. After giving evidence the witnesses were questioned by Mr Morrison and members of the Committee.

Mr Morrison then called the Appellant as a witness. After giving evidence the Appellant was questioned by Mr Mullan and members of the Committee.

Mr Mullan and then Mr Morrison summed up their respective cases and thereafter both parties withdrew from the meeting.

After the Committee had deliberated the matter in private, both parties were re-admitted to the meeting and advised that the grounds of the Appeal had not been substantiated and the Appeal had not been upheld.