

APPEALS COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Appeals Committee held in the Council Offices, Rosebery Place, Clydebank on Monday 27 August 2001 at 9.35 am.

Present: Councillors Anthony Devine, Duncan McDonald and Ronald McColl.

Attending: Nigel Ettles, Principal Solicitor.

Apology: An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Ian McDonald.

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 I 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 David Stark of the Transport and General Workers' Union. The Authority was represented by Louise McHugh, Solicitor.

Ms McHugh called as witnesses Lorraine Coyne, Manager of Audit; Ronald Dufour, Section Head (Resources), Department of Education and Cultural Services; and Lucy Geddes, Personnel Advisor. After giving evidence the witnesses were questioned by Mr Stark and Members of the Committee.

Mr Stark then called the Appellant as a witness. After giving evidence the Appellant was questioned by Ms McHugh and Members of the Committee.

Ms McHugh and then Mr Stark 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.

The meeting closed at 11.20 am.