

APPEALS COMMITTEE

The Meeting of the Appeals Committee adjourned from 11 August 2006, reconvened on and then adjourned from 7 November 2006, reconvened on and then adjourned from 18 January 2007 and reconvened on and then adjourned from 19 January 2007 was reconvened in the Council Chambers, Municipal Buildings, Station Road, Dumbarton on Friday 16 February 2007 at 9.30 a.m.

Present: Councillors Tony Devine and Jackie Maceira.

Attending: Nigel Ettles, Principal Solicitor.

Councillor Tony Devine in the Chair

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

11548 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 (REF: APP/06/09)

11549 The Appellant was present and was represented by Peter Veldon of Unison. The Department in which the Appellant had been employed was represented by Raymond Lynch, Solicitor.

11550 The Appellant and Mr Lynch addressed the Committee on whether a document submitted by the Appellant should be admitted as evidence. The Committee decided that the document should be admitted.

11551 The Appellant then gave further evidence as did Angela Clements, Head of ICT and Business Development. Ms Clements was questioned by Members of the Committee and the Appellant.

11552 Mr Lynch and then Mr Veldon 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. On behalf of the Committee, the Convener thanked the Appellant for his years of service to the Council and stated that it

was unfortunate that the Appellant's employment had ended in such circumstances.

The meeting closed at 1.35 p.m.