

APPEALS COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Appeals Committee held in the Council Chambers, Municipal Buildings, Station Road, Dumbarton on Tuesday 25 January 2005 at 10 a.m.

Present: Councillors Margaret Bootland, Jackie Maceira and Connie O'Sullivan.

Attending: Nigel Ettles, Principal Solicitor.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Denis Agnew and James Bollan.

Councillor Margaret Bootland in the Chair

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

4795 The Committee approved the following resolution:-

4796 "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".

GRIEVANCE APPEAL (REF: APP/04/06)

4797 There were submitted background papers relating to an Appeal which had been submitted to the Council in relation to a grievance. There was also submitted a Note of the procedure to be followed at the Hearing of the Appeal.

4798 The Appellant was present and was represented by Harry Frew of UCATT. The Department in which the Appellant was employed was represented by Raymond Lynch, Solicitor.

4799 Mr. Frew presented the case for the Appellant and he and the Appellant were then questioned by Mr. Lynch and Members of the Committee.

4800 Mr. Lynch called as witnesses Gordon Shaw, Senior Cost Bonus Surveyor, and Pat Bradley, Personnel Officer. The witnesses were questioned by Mr. Lynch, Mr. Frew and Members of the Committee.

4801 Mr. Lynch and then Mr. Frew 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 finding of the Committee was that the grounds of the complaint had not been substantiated and the recommendation of the Committee was that no further payments be made to the Appellant in respect of his claim.

The meeting closed at 12.25 p.m.