

## **APPEALS COMMITTEE**

At a meeting of the Appeals Committee held in Meeting Room 2, Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton on Thursday, 19 April 2012 at 9.30 a.m.

**Present:** Councillors George Black, Jim Brown, Jonathan McColl and Ronnie McColl.

**Attending:** Nigel Ettles, Principal Solicitor; and Paul McGowan, HR Business Partner, Corporate Services Department.

**Councillor George Black in the Chair**

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

It was noted that there were no declarations of interest.

### **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.”

### **APPEALS COMMITTEE DECISION: APPEAL AGAINST DISMISSAL (REF: APP/10/16)**

A report was submitted by the Chief Social Work Officer:-

- (a) advising of the decision of the Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) in respect of the registration of the Appellant;
- (b) outlining the concerns of the Chief Social Work Officer in respect of the findings of the SSSC; and
- (c) outlining proposals for the Appellant's return to work.

Anne Ritchie, the Chief Social Work Officer, was present. The Appellant was present and was represented by Charlie McDonald of Unite.

The Committee heard from Ms Ritchie and Mr McDonald and considered a written submission from the Appellant.

Thereafter, both parties withdrew from the meeting. At the request of the Committee, Mr McGowan remained at the meeting.

After the Committee had deliberated the matter in private, both parties were re-admitted to the meeting and advised that the Committee had decided to note the recommendations contained in the report by the Chief Social Work Officer and to uphold the decision made by the Committee on 27 October 2011.

Reference had been made to a statement in the Committee's decision of 27 October 2011 that Management would decide when and where the Appellant was to return to work. The Committee confirmed that the meaning of that statement was that the Appellant was to return to work as soon as practicable in a residential care setting.

The meeting closed at 11.15 a.m.