

**CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE**  
**APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS PANEL**  
**THURSDAY 30 JULY, 2015 AT 10:00 A.M.**  
**IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK**  
**PART 1**

PRESENT: Councillors

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| Dean, A.             | Preece, J.      |
| Grice, Mrs. D.       | Todd, Mrs. D.M. |
| Lea, C. (Substitute) |                 |

**1. Appointment of Chairman**

Councillor Mrs. D.M. Todd was appointed Chairman for the meeting.

**2. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor C. Anslow who was substituted by Councillor C.I. Lea.

**3. Declarations of Interests of Members in Contracts and Other Matters and Restriction on Voting by Members**

No declarations of interest were made.

**4. Exclusion of the Public**

RESOLVED:

That the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting because of the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 2 and 3, Part 1, Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).



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**5. Homelessness Appeal**

Consideration was given to the Not for Publication Report of the Acting Head of Housing (Enclosure 5.1 – 5.5 + Appendices of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The Panel were advised that the Appellant would not be in attendance.

The Chairman invited all those present to introduce themselves and then outlined the procedure for the Hearing.

The Officer representing the Council presented the Council's case by taking the Panel through the report. Members then put questions to the Officer.

The Officer representing the Council then summed up their case.

The Panel then deliberated in private, calling on only the Council's Legal Advisor and Senior Committee Officer for advice.

All parties then returned to the meeting and the Chairman outlined the decision of the Panel as follows:-

**RESOLVED:**

It was the unanimous decision of the Panel to dismiss the appeal and uphold the decision made by the Council's Principal Housing Options Officer that the Appellant was intentionally homeless as a result of her failure to pay rent due at the property concerned.

**Reasons for Decision**

The Panel gave careful consideration to the documents in the report, the reference questionnaire provided by the Appellant's landlord and due regard was also given to the relevant provisions contained within Part VII the Housing Act 1996 and the Homelessness Code of Guidance for Local Authorities (2006).

The Panel considered that the Appellant was intentionally homeless as a result of her failure to pay rent due at the property concerned.

The meeting closed at 10:37am

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CHAIRMAN