

**CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE**  
**APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS PANEL**  
**MONDAY 27 JANUARY 2014, AT 10.00 A.M.**  
**IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK**  
**PART 1**

PRESENT:  
Councillors

Freeman, M.	Fisher, P.A.
Bottomer, B.	Anslow, C.
Todd, Mrs. D.	

**1. Appointment of Chairman**

Councillor M. Freeman was appointed Chairman for the meeting.

**2. Apologies**

No apologies were received

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

<b>Member</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Type</b>
Todd, Mrs. D.	Agenda Item 5 – was contacted by the appellant at the beginning of the case but had no subsequent contact with the appellant	Personal

**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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**PART 2**

**5. Homelessness Appeal**

Consideration was given to the Not for Publication Report of the Head of Housing (Enclosure 5.1 – 5.51 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The Appellant and her representative were in attendance to present the Appellant's case.

The Chairman introduced the Members present, and invited the appellant, appellant's representative and Council officers to introduce themselves, and then outlined the procedure for the Hearing.

The Officer presented the Council's case by taking the Panel through the report. The Appellant and Appellant's Representative and Members of the Panel were then afforded the opportunity to ask questions of the Officer.

The Appellant and Appellant's Representative presented their case. The Officer and Members of the Panel were then afforded the opportunity to ask questions of the Appellant and Appellant's Representative. Members also put further questions to the Officer.

All parties were given an opportunity to sum up their respective cases.

The Appellant, Appellant's Representative and the Officer then left the room, to enable the Panel to deliberate in private, calling on only the Council's Legal Advisor and Senior Committee Officer for advice.

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

**DECISIONS:**

It is the majority decision of the Appeals and Complaints Panel to allow the appellant's appeal and to find the appellant not intentionally homeless.

**Reasons for Decision**

In the Panel's view the appellant's homelessness is not due to any deliberate act or omission on the appellant's part.

*The meeting closed at 11.30 am.*

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CHAIRMAN