

**CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE**  
**APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS PANEL**  
**FRIDAY 22 FEBRUARY, 2013 AT 10.00 A.M.**  
**IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK**  
**PART 1**

PRESENT:

Councillors

Grice, Mrs. D. (Chairman)

Anslow, C.  
Davies, D.N.

Dixon, D.I.

**1. Appointment of Chairman**

Councillor Mrs. D. Grice was appointed Chairman for the meeting.

**2. Apologies**

None received.

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

No declarations of interests 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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**PART 2**

**5. Homelessness Appeal**

Consideration was given to the Not for Publication Report of the Head of Housing (Enclosure 5.1 – 5.4 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

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

The Chairman invited all those present to introduce themselves and also outlined the procedure.

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

The Appellant was then asked to put his case. The Officer then Members of the Panel were then afforded the opportunity to ask questions of the Appellant.

All parties were given an opportunity to sum up their respective cases. At this point the Senior Committee Officer advised on the process for convening the meeting.

The Panel then deliberated 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:-

**RESOLVED:**

That, having considered all the information submitted, the appeal be dismissed and the Officers' original decision be upheld on the basis that the Appellants had made themselves intentionally homeless as a result of voluntarily vacating their previous accommodation.

**Reasons for Decision**

The Panel had given careful consideration to the representations

made by all parties and due regard was also given to the relevant provisions contained within the Housing Act 1996 and the Homelessness Code of Guidance for Local Authorities.

The Panel considered that due to the rent arrears which had accrued at the previous accommodation and the Appellant ceasing to make the rental payments, his homelessness would be an inevitable consequence of his actions.

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CHAIRMAN

(The meeting concluded at 11.25 a.m.).