

**CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE**  
**APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS PANEL**  
**FRIDAY 19 OCTOBER, 2012 AT 2.00 P.M.**  
**IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK**  
**PART 1**

PRESENT: Councillors

Bottomer, B.H. (Chairman)

Allt, Mrs. A.  
Dudson, A.

Jones, R.

**1. Appointment of Chairman**

Councillor B.H. Bottomer was appointed Chairman for the meeting.

**2. Apologies**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor G. Ball.

**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Consideration was given to the Not for Publication Report of the Head of Housing (Enclosure 5.1 – 5.3 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The Appellant and her representative were in attendance to present her 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 then Members of the Panel were also afforded the opportunity to ask questions of the Officer.

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

The Council's Legal Advisor advised that the only decision the Panel would be making was whether or not the Appellant was homeless.

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 and upon hearing evidence from the Appellant and the Officer representing the Council, the decision was upheld and the appeal was dismissed.

Reasons for Decision

1. The Appellant had accommodation available that she was legally entitled to occupy.
2. The Appellant was not homeless as per the definition of homelessness in Section 175 of the Housing Act 1996.

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CHAIRMAN

(The meeting concluded at 10.20 a.m.).