COUNCIL APPEALS COMMITTEE

19 AUGUST 2015

Present: County Councillor (Chairperson)

County Councillors Hinchey, Murphy and Woodman

6 : ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

At the meeting Councillor Judith Woodman was nominated as Chairperson for this Committee.

7 : DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chairperson reminded Members of their responsibility under Part III of the Members' Code of Conduct, to declare any interest in general terms and complete 'personal interest forms' at the start of the meeting, and then, prior to the commencement of discussion of the item in question, specify whether it is a personal or prejudicial interest, if the interest is prejudicial, Members would be asked to leave the meeting and if the interest is personal, Members would be invited to stay, speak and vote.

8 : EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED – That the public be excluded during discussion of the following items of business on the grounds that if members of the public were present during the discussions, due to the nature of the business to be transacted there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in the Local Government Act 1972 and Categories 1 and 3 of the Local Authorities (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007.

9 : CONSIDERATION OF APPEAL: EXCLUSION FROM HOUSING WAITING LIST

Case 1

The Committee, having considered all the information before it was of the view that the decision of the Common Exclusion Panel to suspend the appellant housing application until a repayment plan had been set up in relation to his rent arrears at his former City of Cardiff Council tenancy was reasonable and should be upheld.

RESOLVED - That

(1) The Appeal against the decision of the Common Exclusion Panel to suspend the appellants housing application until a repayment plan had been set up in relation to his rent arrears at his former City of Cardiff Council tenancy be disallowed for the following reasons:-

No attempt had been made to repay the debt up until now.

(2) The Committee was unanimous in its view that the decision of the Common Exclusion Panel to suspend the appellants housing application until a

repayment plan had been set up in relation to his rent arrears at his former City of Cardiff Council tenancy was reasonable and should be upheld.

Case 2

The Committee, having considered all the information before it was of the view that the decision of the Common Exclusion Panel to exclude the appellant from the waiting list for a period of 6 months was reasonable and should be upheld.

RESOLVED - That

(1) The Appeal against the decision of the Common Exclusion Panel to exclude the appellant from the waiting list for a period of 6 months be disallowed for the following reasons:-

The appellant had not attended the hearing to present his case and his current housing situation.

(2) The Committee was unanimous in its view that the decision of the Common Exclusion Panel to exclude the appellant from the waiting list for a period of 6 months was reasonable and should be upheld.

The Committee agreed that the exclusion period would remain at 6 months ending on 6 November 2015 following which time the appellant would be eligible to re-apply to the waiting list.

10 : CONSIDERATION OF APPEAL: SCHOOL TRANSPORT

Case 1

The Committee, having considered all the information before it, and although they were very sympathetic;

RESOLVED – That the decision to not provide free school transport from the home address to Plasmawr High School was reasonable and the appeal was disallowed.