

APPEALS PANEL.

Minutes of meeting in County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr,
on 9th September 2011 at 10.00 a.m.

- Present: Councillors John Hampton (Chair), Sandra Goldie and Winifred Sloan.
- Apologies: Councillors John Allan, Brian Connolly and Mike Peddie.
- Attending: K. Briggs, Principal Solicitor; L. Boyd, Senior HR Officer; and J. McClure, Committee Administrative Officer.

1. Exclusion of Press and Public.

The Panel resolved, in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, that the press and public be excluded for the following item of business on the agenda, on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information in terms of paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

2. Group Grievance.

John Kerr, Unison represented the appellants, a group of Council employees, and was accompanied by D. Wilson, GMB. A. Wilson, Head of HR and Organisational Development, represented the Council.

The Panel heard both parties fully on the case and, after questions, both parties withdrew.

Decided: having heard and considered carefully all the documents and evidence presented, to unanimously agree that the grounds of the grievance had not been substantiated and, therefore, the appeal was not upheld.

Thereafter, both parties were re-admitted to the meeting and advised of the Panel's decision.

The meeting ended at 11.55 a.m.