

Minutes of the General Purposes and Arbitration Committee

1st August, 2012 at 9.30 am
at the Sandwell Council House, Oldbury

Present: Councillor Dhallu (Chair);
Councillor K Davies (Vice-Chair);
Councillors Bridges, S Crumpton and Frazer.

Apologies: Councillors S Hosell and J Underhill.

14/12 **Declaration of Interest**

Councillor Frazer declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute No. 16/12 (Appeal against the Decision of the Disabled Facilities Grant Adaptations Panel) since she worked for Tom Watson MP as a Constituency Office Manager. A letter from Tom Watson formed part of the appellant's evidence.

15/12 **Exclusion of the Public and Press**

Resolved that the public and press be excluded from the rest of the proceedings. This is to avoid the possible disclosure of exempt information under Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006, relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person, including the authority holding that information.

Matter delegated to the Committee

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16/12 Appeal against the Decision of the Disabled Facilities Grant Adaptations Panel

Further to Minute No. 13/12 (16th July, 2012), the Committee considered an appeal by Mr. S against the decision of the Disabled Facilities Grant Adaptations Panel.

Mr. S's case was considered at the Adaptation Panel meeting on 31st March, 2012 and his request, for the more expensive of two adaptations schemes, was dismissed.

In reaching its decision the Committee considered the report of the Area Director – Homes and Communities and the appellant's written and verbal submissions.

Resolved that the appeal be dismissed.

(Meeting ended at 11.15 am)

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