

Minutes of the General Purposes and Arbitration Committee

16th July 2012 at 11.00 am
at the Sandwell Council House, Oldbury

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

11/12 **Declaration of Interest**

Councillor Frazer declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute No. 13/12 (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.

12/12 **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

13/12 **Appeal against the Decision of the Disabled Facilities Grant Adaptations Panel**

The Committee was informed that additional information had been supplied by the appellant minutes before the meeting was scheduled to start.

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Owing to the amount of information that needed to be considered the Chair was of the opinion that the hearing should be adjourned to a future date, in the interests of fairness to the appellant and to enable the Committee and officers of the Council to consider the information thoroughly.

Resolved that the appeal be adjourned to a future date.

(Meeting ended at 11.24 am)

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