

**THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL
FINANCE, HOUSING AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE'S APPEALS COMMITTEE**

Minute of Meeting of the Finance, Housing and Resources Committee's Appeals Committee held in Council Headquarters, Inverness on Monday, 27 January and Tuesday, 28 January 2014.

PRESENT:

Mr D Fallows
Dr D Alston
Mr G MacKenzie (Monday 27
January only)

Mr D Mackay
Mr H Morrison

Officials in Attendance:-

Ms E Barrie, Human Resources Manager, Chief Executive's Service (Adviser to the Committee)
Ms F Palin, Head of Social Care, (Management Side)
Ms J Sikkema, HR Business Partner, Chief Executive's Service (Management Side)
Mr C Lyons, (Appellant's representative)
Mr A MacInnes, Administrative Assistant, Chief Executive's Service

Mr D Fallows in the Chair

BUSINESS

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Mr A Christie, Mr N Donald, Miss J Campbell and Mr F Parr.

2. Declarations of Interest

The Committee **NOTED** that there were no declarations of interest expressed.

3. Exclusion of the Public

The Committee **RESOLVED** that under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 the public be excluded from the meeting for this item on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 7A of the Act.

4. Appeal No.13/2014 – Appeal against Dismissal

There had been circulated a written Statement of Case prepared by the Management Side, a written Statement of Case prepared by the Appellant's Side, and a copy of the Appeals Hearing Procedure.

The Chairman welcomed both parties to the Hearing.

In accordance with the Appeals Procedure, Ms F Palin, Head of Social Care presented the Management Side case, during which two witnesses were called and heard. Thereafter, the Appellant's Side presented their case to the Committee.

Following questioning and after the Management Side and the Appellant's Side had summed up their respective cases, both parties withdrew to allow the Committee to deliberate in private.

Having given careful consideration to the various issues raised, the Committee **AGREED** that the grounds of the appeal had not been substantiated and the appeal be not upheld.