

# STIRLING COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the **PARENTAL APPEALS PANEL** held in the **BRUCE ROOM, OLD VIEWFORTH, STIRLING** on **TUESDAY 7 JUNE 2011** at **10.00 AM**.

**Present:**

Mr Bill BRODIE (in the Chair)

Mrs Alison MACLEOD

Councillor Jim THOMSON

**In Attendance:**

Michelle MacDonald, Committee Officer, Corporate Services (Clerk)

**The Panel resolved, that under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.**

**PA30 APPEAL AGAINST REFUSAL OF PLACING REQUEST**

The Panel had been asked to consider an appeal against refusal of a placing request for Braehead Primary School.

Members of the Panel had before them

- (a) Statement of Rights/Procedures;
- (b) Parental Submission;
- (c) Education Submissions.

The Chair introduced the Members of the Panel and the parties to each other. The procedures to be followed were also outlined.

Ms Jane Larner, Solicitor, represented the Education Authority and was accompanied by Colin McMenemy, Planning and Resources Officer, Education. The appellant was present and accompanied by her mother.

Ms Larner, presenting the case for the Education Authority explained that the placing request had been refused on 5 grounds which were detailed within the Education submission.

Ms Larner asked Colin McMenemy a series of questions in support of the Authority's case.

The Panel and the appellant were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Authority and the witness.

The appellant and her mother presented their case, outlining the reasons why they thought their child should attend Braehead Primary School, following which the Panel and the Education Authority were given the opportunity to ask questions.

Both parties were then given the opportunity to sum up their cases. The appellants were advised that they would be notified of the Panel's decision in writing within 14 days. At this point, both parties were asked to withdraw from the hearing.

The Panel considered in detail the evidence put before them.

### **Decision**

The Panel agreed not to confirm the decision of the Education Authority, thereby requiring the Education Authority to place the appellant's child at Braehead Primary School in accordance with the placing request.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 11.15 am.