

STIRLING COUNCIL

MINUTES of the **RECONVENED PARENTAL APPEALS PANEL** held in the **WALLACE ROOM, OLD VIEWFORTH, STIRLING** on **MONDAY 3 JUNE 2013** at **12 noon**.

Present:

Mr Bill BRODIE (in the Chair)

Councillor Alycia HAYES

Mrs Amanda NAMEY

In Attendance:

Bruce Clayson, Solicitor, Governance & Resources

Michelle MacDonald, Committee Officer, Governance & Resources (Clerk)

Alix Mathieson, Trainee Committee Officer, Governance & Resources

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.

PA2 APPEAL AGAINST REFUSAL OF PLACING REQUEST

The Panel had been asked to consider three appeals against refusal of placing requests for Allan's Primary School, Stirling.

At the meeting on Wednesday 29 May 2013, Panel members had requested the following information in order to reach a satisfactory decision:

- i) the distances from home to school for all Primary 1 Placing Requests that had been made for the next academic session;
- ii) the school roll numbers for this academic session; and
- iii) the projected roll for next academic session

Having received the above information and legal advice, the Panel continued to debate in depth the evidence they had heard, and the options open to them.

Decision

Case 1

1. The Panel agreed, having considered the evidence submitted by the Appellants and the Authority, to unanimously decide, in all the circumstances, to uphold the decision of the Education Authority.

Case 2

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

Case 3

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

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 2.30 pm.