

STIRLING COUNCIL

MINUTES of MEETING of the PARENTAL APPEALS PANEL held in the WALLACE ROOM, OLD VIEWFORTH, STIRLING on FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER 2017 at 2.30 pm

Present:

Alison MACLEOD (in the Chair)
Councillor Margaret BRISLEY Amanda NAMEY

In Attendance:

Carla Roth, Solicitor, Localities & Infrastructure
Sheila McLean, Governance Officer, Localities & Infrastructure (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.

PA38 APPEAL AGAINST EXCLUSION

The Panel had been asked to consider an appeal against exclusion from St Modan's High School.

Members of the Panel had before them

- (a) Statement of Rights/Procedures;
- (b) Education Authority Submission.

The Chair introduced the Members of the Panel and outlined the procedures to be followed at the Hearing.

Pamela Craigie, School Improvement Co-ordinator, Schools & Learning, Raymond O'Neill, Head Teacher, St Modan's High School and Caradh Pert, Depute Head Teacher, St Modan's High School, represented the Education Authority.

The Appellant and her parent were present.

Pamela Craigie presented the case for the Education Authority and explained the background leading up to the exclusion.

The Panel asked questions of the Education Authority.

The Appellant presented her case, outlining the reasons why she was appealing against the decision to exclude her from St Modan's High School.

The Panel and the Education Authority were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Appellant.

Both parties were then given the opportunity to sum up their cases.

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and asked the Appellant, her parent and the Education Authority representatives to withdraw from the meeting at this point in the proceedings to allow the Panel to consider the evidence put before it.

She confirmed that both parties would be notified of the Panel's decision in writing within 14 days.

The Panel noted thanks to all parties for the clarity with which information had been presented.

Decision

The Panel unanimously agreed that, having carefully considered the evidence submitted, to uphold the decision of the Education Authority to exclude the Appellant from St Modan's High School as they considered that the grounds for exclusion had been met.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 3.30 pm