

Local Review Board 4 April 2000

Minutes of a meeting of the **Local Review Board** held on **Tuesday 4 April 2000** when there were present:

Cllr R S Allen
Cllr Mrs M A Weir

Cllr Mrs J M Giles

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs H L A Glynn.

OFFICERS PRESENT

A Bugeja - Head of Legal Services
S Neville - Residential Services Unit Manager
Mrs M Martin - Committee Administrator

9 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor Mrs M A Weir was appointed Chairman for the meeting.

10 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 2000 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

Resolved

That the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 13 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

11 APPEAL IN RESPECT OF CLAIM REFERENCE NO. 6580

The Review Board considered an appeal against the refusal of an application for a Home Repair Assistance Grant.

The Board had before them the report of the Head of Housing Health and Community Care setting out the details of the application, the Council's policy and the statutory framework for grant assistance. Representations were received from both the Residential Services Unit Manager and the Technical Officer from Springboard Housing Association acting on behalf of the Appellant.

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Members were appraised of the facts surrounding the submission of the application and the personal circumstances and disability of the Appellant. Whilst the proposed works were eligible and the Council's criteria was met in all other respects, the Appellant's age precluded him from grant assistance on the basis of the adopted policy. Having carefully considered all the evidence and mindful of the policy, the Board concluded that there were exceptional circumstances in this particular case by reason of the disability of the Applicant and the nature of the works to warrant an exception being made in this instance. The Board therefore determined that the application for grant assistance should be approved and it accordingly allowed the appeal and directed the Head of Housing Health and Community Care to grant the application.

Having regard to the findings in this case the Board considered that it would be appropriate for Officers to review the criterion for the receipt of a Home Repair Assistance Grant at the earliest opportunity.

Resolved

That Appeal Case Reference Number 6580 be allowed and the application for a Home Repair Assistance Grant be approved by the Head of Housing, Health and Community Care. (HHHCC)

The meeting commenced at 2.30 pm and closed at 3.50 pm.

Chairman

Date