

LEARNING AND LEISURE (EDUCATION JOINT APPEALS, MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCES AND BURSARIES) SUB – 25 May 2011

Motherwell, 25 May 2011 at 12 noon.

A Meeting of the LEARNING AND LEISURE (EDUCATION JOINT APPEALS, MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCES AND BURSARIES) SUB-COMMITTEE

PRESENT

Councillor H. McGuigan, Convener; Councillors Irvine, Key, McAuley and Ross.

CHAIR

Councillor H. McGuigan (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Committee Services Manager.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN TERMS OF THE ETHICAL STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE ETC. (SCOTLAND) ACT 2000

1. The Sub-Committee noted that there were no declarations of interest.

It was agreed in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, that the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

APPEALS AGAINST REFUSAL OF THE PAYMENT OF EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

2. There were submitted the relevant papers for Appeal Nos. 2011/01 and 2011/02, including extracts of the applications for the Education Maintenance Allowances, and the grounds of appeal of the students.

Decided:

- (1) that Appeal No. 2011/01 be upheld in part by agreeing to pay the Education Maintenance Allowance up until the date when the student's study hours fell below the 21 guided learning hours per week, and
- (2) that Appeal No. 2011/02 be upheld in part by agreeing to re-instate the Education Maintenance Allowance with effect from 1 May 2011.

Councillor Ross, asked that his dissent be recorded in respect of the decision on Appeal No. 2011/01.