

LEARNING AND LEISURE (EDUCATION JOINT APPEALS, MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCES AND BURSARIES) SUB – 10 August 2011

Motherwell, 10 August 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, S. Love, McAuley and Ross.

CHAIR

Councillor H. McGuigan (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Committee Officer.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Maginnis and Pentland.

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 EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

2. There were submitted the relevant papers on the undernoted appeals, including extracts of the applications for the education maintenance allowances and the grounds of appeals of two students.

Decided:

- (1) that Appeal No. 2011/03 be upheld, and
- (2) that Appeal No. 2011/04 be upheld.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE SCHEME

3. Arising out of consideration of the immediately preceding paragraph, it was proposed that the Convener meet with the Executive Director of Learning and Leisure Services to explore the possibility of improving the administration of the Education Maintenance Allowance Scheme, particularly in respect of learning agreements.

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