

SOCIAL SERVICES APPEALS PANEL**28 NOVEMBER 2005**

Chair: * D Cooper (Independent Person)

Councillors: * Blann * Mrs R Shah

* Denotes Member present

PART I - RECOMMENDATIONS - NIL**PART II - MINUTES**26. **Appointment of Chair:****RESOLVED:** That Dawne Cooper be appointed Chair of the Panel for the purpose of this meeting.27. **Arrangement of Agenda:****RESOLVED:** That the item listed in Part II of the agenda be considered with the press and public excluded for the reason indicated below:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Reason</u>
6. The Keeping of a Child in Secure Accommodation	This item was considered to contain exempt information as defined in Paragraph 6 of Part I to Schedule 12A of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 in that it contains information relating to the case of a particular child.

28. **Terms of Reference:****RESOLVED:** That the terms of reference of the Panel be noted.29. **Guidance Notes:****RESOLVED:** That the guidance notes setting out the nature of the Panel be noted.30. **The Keeping of a Child in Secure Accommodation:**

The Panel considered a report of the Director of Children's Services which set out the background to the current situation and outlined the reasons why a secure placement was still considered necessary. The Panel also considered a report from the Independent Investigator setting out the views of the child, and a report from the Secure Unit.

The Panel carefully reviewed the case, taking into account the verbal updates from the Social Services Officer and the Independent Investigator. The Panel also considered additional reports from the Secure Unit tabled at the meeting.

Having considered all the views expressed at the meeting including the wishes of the child and her father who were present at the meeting, the Panel

RESOLVED: That the child remain in the Secure Unit for a period of 6 weeks from 30 November 2005.

(Note: The meeting having commenced at 2.25 pm, closed at 3.33 pm)

(Signed) MS DAWNE COOPER
Chair

[Note: Social Services Appeals Panel minutes are:-

- (1) approved following each meeting by the Members serving on that particular occasion and signed as a correct record by the Chair for that meeting;
- (2) printed into the Council Minute Volume, published monthly;
- (3) not submitted to the next panel meeting for approval.

Reasons: The Social Services Appeals Panel is constituted from a pooled membership. Consequently, a subsequent Panel meeting is likely to comprise a different Chair and Members who took no part in the previous meeting's proceedings. The process referred to at (1) above provides appropriate approval scrutiny].