

Social Services Appeals Panel (SECURE ACCOMMODATION REVIEW)

AGENDA

DATE: Monday 16 May 2011

TIME: 1.00 pm

VENUE: **Kyloe House Secure Children's Home,
Netherton Park, Stannington, Morpeth,
Northumberland, NE61 6DE**

MEMBERSHIP (Quorum: 3 Members)

Independent Person: Caroline Ellis

Councillors: To be appointed at the Special Licensing and General Purposes
Committee meeting on 12 May 2011

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AGENDA - PART I

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

To appoint a Chairman for the purposes of this meeting.

2. TERMS OF REFERENCE

To note the terms of reference as set out below:

“To review in accordance with the Children (Secure Accommodation) Regulations 1991 the Keeping of Children in Secure Accommodation.”

3. MINUTES

[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 Chairman for that meeting;
- (2) 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 Chairman and Members who took no part in the previous meeting's proceedings. The process referred to at (1) above provides appropriate approval scrutiny].

4. GUIDANCE NOTES (Pages 1 - 2)

To note the enclosed guidance notes which set out the nature of the Panel.

5. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

To resolve that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business, on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of confidential information in breach of an obligation of confidence, or of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972:

<u>Agenda Item No</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Description of Exempt Information</u>
6.	The Keeping of a Child in Secure Accommodation	Information under paragraph 1 (contains information relating to any individuals).

AGENDA - PART II

6. THE KEEPING OF A CHILD IN SECURE ACCOMMODATION

- (a) Report of the Head of Children and Families and Provided Services (To Follow)
- (b) Report of the Independent Investigator (To Follow)
- (c) Report of the Secure Unit (To Follow)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

In accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, this meeting is being called with less than 5 clear working days' notice by virtue of the special circumstances and grounds for urgency stated below:

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES/GROUNDS FOR URGENCY

The Local Authority is required to hold a Social Services Appeal Panel hearing within 28 days of the child's admission into the Secure Unit and thereafter every three months. Information was awaited to determine whether a continuation of the Secure Order would be sought. This meeting therefore had to be arranged at very short notice and it was not possible for the agenda to be published 5 clear working days prior to the meeting.