



SOCIAL SERVICES APPEALS PANEL

(SECURE ACCOMMODATION REVIEW)

**THURSDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2009
2.00 PM**

**PANEL AGENDA (LICENSING AND GENERAL PURPOSES)
CLARE LODGE SECURE UNIT,
104 WELMORE ROAD,
PETERBOROUGH, PE6 7LU**

MEMBERSHIP (Quorum: 3 Members)

Independent Person: Caroline Ellis
**Councillors: Mrs Lurline Champagnie
Mrs Rekha Shah**

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IT WILL BE COLLECTED FOR RECYCLING.***

HARROW COUNCIL

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AGENDA - PART I

1. **Appointment of Chairman:**

To note that the Independent Member, Caroline Ellis, will serve as Chairman of the Panel for 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.	Keeping of a Child Secure Accommodation.	Information under paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, relating to any individual.

AGENDA - PART II

6. The Keeping of a Child in Secure Accommodation:

- (a) Report of the Head of Children and Families and Provided Services.
(Pages 3 - 14)
- (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 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 meeting of the Social Services Appeals Panel within 28 days of a child being placed in Secure Accommodation. In order to ensure availability of all Parties the meeting 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.