

SOCIAL SERVICES APPEALS PANEL MINUTES

28 JULY 2010

Chairman: * Ms C Ellis

Councillors: * Mrs Camilla Bath * Bill Phillips

* Denotes Member present

7. Appointment of Chairman

RESOLVED: That Caroline Ellis be appointed Chairman of the Panel for the purpose of this meeting.

8. Terms of Reference

RESOLVED: That the terms of reference be noted.

9. Minutes

(See Note at conclusion of these minutes).

10. Guidance Notes

RESOLVED: That the guidance notes be noted.

11. Exclusion of the Press and Public

RESOLVED: That the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item for the reasons set out below:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Reason</u>
6.	The Keeping of a Child in Secure Accommodation.	Information under paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (contains information relating to any individual).

RESOLVED ITEMS

12. The Keeping of a Child in Secure Accommodation

Consideration was given to a report of the Corporate Director of Children's Services which set out the background to the current situation. The Panel also considered a report from the Independent Investigator which gave an overview of the child's situation and a report from the Secure Unit.

The Panel carefully reviewed the case, taking into account the verbal updates from officers of Children's Services, the Independent Investigator, Secure Unit, and the wishes of the child who was present at the meeting.

The Panel noted the planned transition arrangements for a potential placement to commence as from 9 August 2010. In response to a question, the officer undertook to ensure the completion of the report reviewing the Statement of Special Educational Needs.

RESOLVED: That the criteria for a placement in secure accommodation no longer continued to apply and the placement was no longer necessary.

(Note: The meeting, having commenced at 12.10 pm, closed at 1.20 pm).

(Signed) CAROLINE ELLIS
Chairman

[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 comprises two Council Panel Members and an Independent Chairman. 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].