

EPPING FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee: Housing Appeals and Review Panel **Date:** Tuesday, 22 May 2007

Place: Committee Room 1, Civic Offices, High Street, Epping **Time:** 4.00 pm – 4.45 pm

Members Present: Mrs P K Rush (Chairman), Mrs R Gadsby (Vice-Chairman), R D'Souza, T Farr and J Wyatt

Other Councillors:

Apologies: Mrs P Richardson

Officers Present: R Wilson (Assistant Head of Housing Services (Operations)) and G Lunnun (Democratic Services Manager)

44. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Panel held on 25 April 2007 be taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

45. SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

It was noted that Councillor Farr was substituting for Councillor Mrs Richardson at this meeting.

46. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made pursuant to the Council's Code of Member Conduct.

47. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC OF PRESS

RESOLVED:

That, in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the item of business set out below as it would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12(A) of the Act indicated and the exemption is considered to outweigh the potential public interest in disclosing the information:

Agenda Item No	Subject	Exempt Information Paragraph No
6	Application No 4/2007	1 & 2

48. APPLICATION NO 4/2007

The applicant's mother attended the meeting on behalf of the applicant. Mr J Hunt (Assistant Housing Needs Manager)(Homelessness) attended the meeting to present his case. Mr R Wilson (Assistant Head of Housing Services)(Operations) attended the meeting to advise the Panel as required on details of the national and local housing policies relative to the appeal. The Chairman introduced the members of the Panel and officers present to the applicant's mother.

The Panel considered whether it would be appropriate to consider the application in the absence of the applicant, a representative of the Children's Legal Centre who had advised the applicant in making his application or any other independent representative. The Panel took account of the fact that the applicant had not appointed his mother to represent him and in their view she appeared to be compromised in view of the available background evidence.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That consideration of this application be deferred to a future meeting;
- (2) That the applicant be strongly recommended to attend the meeting arranged to consider this application and that he be advised to instruct the Children's Legal Centre or another appropriate organisation to attend with him in order to present his case; and
- (3) That the application be determined at that meeting even if the applicant is not present or represented.

CHAIRMAN