

EPPING FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee: Housing Appeals and Review Panel **Date:** 18 June 2009

Place: Committee Room 1, Civic Offices, High Street, Epping **Time:** 2.30 - 4.32 pm

Members Present: Mrs R Gadsby (Vice-Chairman), B Rolfe, Mrs J Sutcliffe and J Wyatt

Other Councillors:

Apologies: Mrs C Pond

Officers Present: R Wilson (Assistant Director Operations (Housing)), J Hunt (Assistant Housing Needs Manager), R Smith (Area Housing Manager North) and S G Hill (Senior Democratic Services Officer)

1. MINUTES

It was noted that the minutes of the last meeting would be presented for approval at the next meeting.

2. SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

There were no substitutes present at the meeting

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of Interest were made pursuant to the code of conduct.

4. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND 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 items of business set out below as they would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act indicated and the exemption is considered to outweigh the potential public interest in disclosing the information:

Agenda Item No	Subject	Exempt Paragraph Number	Information
6	Application 3/2009	1 and 2	

5. APPLICATION NO. 3/2009

The Panel considered a request for a review of a decision made under delegated authority regarding the applicant's homelessness application. The applicant was in attendance with his father. The Assistant Housing Options Manager – Homelessness was in attendance to present his case. The Assistant Director of Housing was in attendance to advise members as required on details of the Council's housing policy relevant to the application. The Senior Democratic Services Officer was also in attendance to record the decisions of the Panel.

The Panel were advised that the Council had received a request from the applicant's solicitor for a deferment of the review as the solicitor was not able to attend and had not had enough time to consider the Council's case.

The Panel sought confirmation from the applicant that it was his wish to seek deferment and this was confirmed.

The Panel agreed to the request for deferment on the basis of a two week delay at which time the review would go ahead with or without the applicant's legal representative.

RESOLVED:

That consideration of Application 3/2009 be deferred for a period of two weeks until the next Panel meeting on 2 July 2009.

6. NACRO/SAFE IN EPPING FOREST

Following a recent request, Beth Hammond of the NACRO SAFE Team gave a presentation to members on the work undertaken in the Epping Forest District. Ms Hammond shared with the Panel the way in which referrals were handled and cases managed through individual support programmes through to successful onward moves to other accommodation.

CHAIRMAN