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HOUSING APPEALS COMMITTEE

30 July 2008 – 10.00 am

PRESENT:

Councillor Cook (in the Chair); Councillors Blyth, Burroughs, Butcher, M Coleman, Cunniffe, Field, Hacon, B Taylor and D Thompson.

Mrs A Pownall (Area Housing Manager) and Mrs C Webb (Member Services Officer).

An apology for absence has been received from Councillor Grey.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 30 April 2008 were confirmed.

2. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED:

That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the said Act.

3. APPEAL AGAINST REFUSAL OF MUTUAL EXCHANGE

The Committee received the Area Housing Manger's report and associated documentation relating to an appeal against a refusal of a Mutual Exchange.

The Mutual Exchange had been refused in line with the current Homeselect Allocation Policy as it would be in excess of the proposed assignee's housing needs. He had already been refused a previous exchange to a two-bed property and had been requested by the Area Housing Manager to seek an exchange with a one-bed property.

However, the appellant had requested that the appeal should go ahead even though he had since secured a three-way Mutual Exchange resulting in him securing a one-bed property which would not be refused under the Housing Act.

The Area Housing Manager had informed the appellant that his other proposed exchange would be held pending the decision of the Housing Appeal Committee.

Members considered all of the information available to them and following a vote, unanimously agreed to uphold the decision by the Area Housing Manager to refuse the Mutual Exchange as it was not in line with current Homeselect Allocation Policy.

RESOLVED:

That the Area Housing Manager's decision to refuse the application for Mutual Exchange be upheld.

4. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 10.05 am.