LICENSING, APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Licensing, Appeals and Complaints Committee of South Norfolk Council held at South Norfolk House, Long Stratton on Wednesday 8 May 2017 at 2.30 pm.

Committee
Members Present: Councillors D Goldson (Chairman), V Bell, P Hardy, W Kemp and T Palmer

Officers in Attendance: Mr N Brims – Solicitor npLaw, the Housing Options Senior Case Advisor (D Neville) and the Housing Options Officer (D Millman).

635 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED: that under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part 1 Schedule 12A of the Act (as amended).

636 REVIEW OF HOUSING DECISION

(The appellant was not in attendance).

The Chairman welcomed the homelessness officers to the meeting and outlined the process to be followed for the appeal. It was noted that the appellant had recently left her temporary accommodation but officers had been unable to ascertain her whereabouts. Officers confirmed that the appellant had been made aware that the review would still proceed if she did not attend, and it was also noted that Shelter had been invited to attend the review but were not present.

The Housing Options Senior Case Adviser and the Housing Options Officer outlined the Council’s case and advised the Panel of the events leading to their decision that the appellant had intentionally made herself homeless. Members reviewed the written correspondence from the appellant and Shelter, contained within the agenda papers. After responding to a number of questions, officers left the meeting whilst the application was determined. They were then re-admitted and the Chairman announced the decision.
It was then:

RESOLVED: that, taking into account the written correspondence from the appellant and Shelter together with evidence from the Council's officers, the Panel concluded that the appellant had been capable of making decisions relating to her tenancy, and that the Council had reached the correct decision that the appellant had made herself intentionally homeless.

(The meeting closed at 3.17 pm)

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Chairman