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 Friday 10 May 2013 at 9.15 am.

Committee Members Present: Councillors R Savage (Chairman), D Goldson, T Lewis, J Wilby

Officers in Attendance: Ms J Thirtle – Senior Legal Officer, the Housing Options Team Leader (LF) and the Housing Options Officer (DL).

616 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).

617 REVIEW OF SUITABILITY OF ACCOMMODATION

(The appellant and her friend were in attendance from 10.00am).

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and outlined the process to be followed for the review.

The Housing Options Officer outlined the case, stating that the appellant had accepted an offer of accommodation but had since requested a review due to the location and state of the property. The appellant stated that due to her poor health, the accommodation was not suitable for her needs.

After officers and the appellant had responded to a number of questions, the Committee requested that further inspections of the property were undertaken by South Norfolk Council’s Housing Standards Officer and Saffron Housing regarding the reported dampness in the property with reports to be forwarded to the Housing Options Officer. They also requested that further medical evidence be obtained by Housing Options Officers regarding any potential adverse effects to the appellant’s health should she reside in the property.
RESOLVED:

That should the property still be considered by officers to be suitable following the evidence to be obtained from Saffron Housing, South Norfolk Council’s Housing Standards Officer and the appellant’s doctor, the matter be referred back to the Licensing, Appeals and Complaints Committee for consideration.

(The meeting closed at 10:55 am)

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Chairman