

Coventry City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Appeals Panel (Community Services) held at
2.30 pm on Wednesday, 10 April 2019

Present:

Members: Councillor M Mutton (Chair)
 Councillor K Taylor
 Mr A Heath (Independent Member)

Employees by Directorate:

People A Mitchell
Place L Knight, K Reynolds

Public Business

1. **Appointment of Chair**

RESOLVED that Councillor M Mutton be appointed as Chair for this meeting.

2. **Declarations of Interests**

There were no disclosable pecuniary interests.

3. **Exclusion of Press and Public**

RESOLVED that under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and the public be excluded from the meeting for the item of business indicated in Minute 5 below, headed “Appeals – Community Services – Care Service Contributions”, on the grounds that this item involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12A of that Act, in particular Paragraphs 1 and 3 of Part 1 of that Schedule.

4. **Any other items of public business which the Chair decides to take as matters of urgency because of the special circumstances involved**

There were no other items of public business.

Private Business

5. **Appeals - Community Services - Care Service Contributions**

The Committee considered an appeal by Mr NH on behalf of Mr LH against an assessment of charges for his care package contribution.

The Committee and appellant received a report which set out the procedure to be followed during the consideration of the appeal submitted. They were also advised by the Authority’s Legal Representative that the document referred to the Health and Social Services and Social Security Act 1983, but that this should have been the Care Act 2014. All present indicated their acceptance of this amendment.

The Operational Manager, Financial Assessments, explained to the Committee how the assessed contribution had been calculated and why some elements of income were disregarded.

The Committee received written and oral representations from Mr NH in respect of the grounds for appeal against the assessed care contribution.

RESOLVED that,

- 1. Having considered the representations made and given careful consideration to the totality of the financial circumstances of the appellant, the Committee recommend that a review of disability related expenditure be undertaken as a matter of urgency as it appeared from the information provided that the assessed contribution may not be correct.**
- 2. Note that upon completion of the review identified in 1. above, should their remain an assessed charge, the appellant would be entitled to appeal further against these charges.**
- 6. Any other items of private business which the Chair decides to take as matters of urgency because of the special circumstances involved.**

There were no other items of private business

(Meeting closed at 3.30 pm)