MINUTE of MEETING of the EMPLOYEE APPEALS COMMITTEE (PRIVATE) of WEST LOTHIAN COUNCIL held within COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WEST LOTHIAN CIVIC CENTRE, on 15 SEPTEMBER 2017.

<u>Present</u> – Councillors George Paul, Peter Heggie, Chris Horne, Dave King, Dom McGuire, Damian Timson, Andrew McGuire substituting for Tom Conn

Apologies - Tom Conn

## 1. <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u>

Councillor Dom McGuire declared a non-financial interest in that he was an ordinary member of Unite and a former employee of Thomson Solicitors.

Councillor Andrew McGuire declared a non-financial interest in that he was an ordinary member of Unite.

Councillor George Paul declared a non-financial interest in that he was Branch Secretary of Unite.

## 2. PRIVATE SESSION

The committee resolved in terms of paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 that the remaining items of business be taken in private.

## CONSIDERATION OF APPEAL

The committee noted that the appellant was not in attendance and had not advised prior to the hearing that he would not be attending

## **Decision**

Agreed it would not be appropriate to proceed with the hearing in the appellant's absence

Agreed that the appellant be contacted to ascertain whether he wished to proceed with his appeal.