

MINUTE of MEETING of the EMPLOYEE APPEALS COMMITTEE (PRIVATE) of WEST LoTHIAN COUNCIL held within COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WEST LoTHIAN CIVIC CENTRE, on 28 SEPTEMBER 2018.

Present – Councillors George Paul (Chair), Tom Conn, Peter Heggie, Dave King, Dom McGuire, Damian Timson

Apologies – Councillor Chris Horne

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

2. MINUTE

The committee confirmed the Minute of its meeting held on 31 August 2018 as a correct record. The Minute was thereafter signed by the Chair.

3. PRIVATE

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.

4. CONSIDERATION OF APPEAL

The Clerk informed the committee that the appellant had telephoned on the morning of the hearing to advise that she would not be in attendance.

The Clerk also informed the committee that as the appellant had cancelled two previous hearings she had been advised, as agreed by the Committee at the previous hearing, that if she failed to attend or cancel a third hearing then it would be open to the committee to close the case.

The Clerk provided the committee with information on the sequence of events that led to the appellant being offered three opportunities to have her appeal heard. The Clerk also advised that the appellant had intimated that the start time of 10.00am was not suitable for her and therefore the Chair agreed to change the start time to 11.00am to assist her but that she had still failed to attend.

The committee, having considered the information provided and the change of start time was satisfied that all efforts had been made to accommodate the appellant, and noting her failure to attend on the third occasion with no reason for her non-appearance provided, agreed that no further hearing dates should be offered and that the case be closed.

Decision

To agree that no further hearing dates were to be arranged and that the

matter be closed.