

Meeting of the Appeals Committee

**Wednesday 16th February, 2022 at 10.00am
In Committee Room 2 at the Council House,
Priory Road, Dudley**

Agenda - Public Session (Meeting open to the public and press)

1. Apologies for absence.
2. To report the appointment of any substitute members serving for this meeting of the Committee.
3. To receive any declarations of interest under the Members' Code of Conduct.
4. To consider any questions from Members to the Chair where two clear days notice has been given to the Monitoring Officer (Council Procedure Rule 11.8).

Under the provisions of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, the Monitoring Officer has decided that there will be no advance disclosure of the following reports because the public interest in disclosing the information is outweighed by the public interest in maintaining the exemption from disclosure.

5. Resolution to exclude the public and press

Chair to move:

“That 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 relating to any individual(s) under Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended.”



Agenda – Private Session

(Meeting not open to the public and press)

6. To consider the appeal by GH



Chief Executive

Dated: 1st February, 2022

Distribution:

To Members of the Appeals Committee

Councillor T Westwood (Chair)

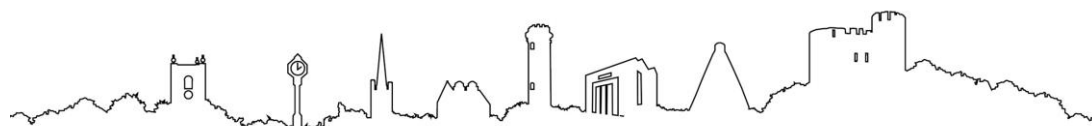
Councillor S Mughal (Vice-Chair)

Councillors A Goddard, S Greenaway and S Henley

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Submitting Apologies for Absence

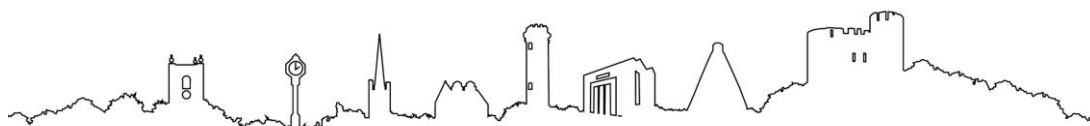
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