

Education Appeal Committee  
22 May 2015

**IRVINE, 22 May 2015** - At a Meeting of the Education Appeal Committee at 10.30 a.m.

**Present**

Ian Clarkson (North Ayrshire Council); and G. Killin and E. Milroy (lay members).

**In Attendance**

H. Meney, Acting Head Teacher (Mayfield Primary School), L. Taylor, Senior Manager (Resources and Infrastructure) and A. Mair, Team Manager (Resources) (Education and Youth Employment); and N. Shearer, Clerk to the Education Appeal Committee (Chief Executive's Service).

**Also In Attendance**

Appellant in respect of the case being heard.

**Chair**

Councillor Clarkson in the Chair.

**1. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest by Members in terms of Standing Order 16 and Section 5 of the Code of Conduct for Councillors.

**2. Minutes**

The accuracy of the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 21 May 2015 was confirmed and the Minutes signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

**3. Appointment of Chairperson**

Councillor Clarkson was appointed to chair this meeting of the Education Appeal Committee.

**4. Conduct of the Meeting**

Submitted guidance note on the conduct of the meeting.

**5. Exclusion of the Public and Press**

The Committee resolved, in terms of Section 50(A)4 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude from the Meeting, the press and the public for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

**6. Appeal Against the Education Authority's Decision to Refuse a Placement**

## **within Mayfield Primary School, Saltcoats**

### **6.1 Appellant 4 in respect of Child 4**

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on an appeal against the Education Authority's decision to refuse a placement within Mayfield Primary School.

The appellant, having been invited to attend, was present. The Head Teacher (Mayfield Primary School), Senior Manager (Resources and Infrastructure) and Team Manager (Resources) (Education and Youth Employment) were also in attendance.

The Chair introduced those present and explained their role in the proceedings. He then outlined the procedures to be followed by the Committee and advised on how the decision of the Committee would be intimated to the appellant and the Education Authority, before inviting the Education and Youth Employment representatives to make their case. The appellant and Committee Members were afforded the opportunity to question the Education and Youth Employment representatives.

The appellant was then invited to present her case. The Education and Youth Employment representatives and the Committee Members had the opportunity to question the appellant.

The Education and Youth Employment representatives and the appellant summed up their cases, before withdrawing to allow the Committee to deliberate.

### **Decision**

The Committee, having considered the particular circumstances surrounding the appellant's case, unanimously agreed to grant the appeal.

The meeting ended at 11.45 a.m.