

At a Meeting of the Appeals Committee of the Richmondshire District Council held at Mercury House, Richmond, North Yorkshire on Thursday, 12 March 2015 at 6.30 pm.

Present: Councillors Rachel Allen, Paul Cullen and Mick Griffiths.

Officers: Brian Bottle (Revenues & Benefits Manager) and Paul Clark (Democratic Services Officer).

In

Attendance: The Appellant.

Apologies: Councillors John Blackie, Fleur Butler and Jill McMullon.

A1 Election of Chairman

Resolved: That Councillor Mick Griffiths be elected as Chairman for the duration of the meeting.

A2 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

A3 Procedure

The Chairman explained the purpose of the meeting and the procedure to be followed in considering it.

A4 Exclusion of the Public

Resolved: That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

A5 Appeal - Discretionary Rate Relief

The Revenues and Benefits Manager presented a written report seeking consideration of an appeal against a decision to refuse Discretionary Rate Relief.

All relevant parties were given the opportunity to present their case.

Resolved: That 20% Discretionary Rate Relief be awarded for 2014-2015 and 2015-2016, for the reasons outlined below:

- The applicant does provide a substantial benefit to the residents of Richmondshire; and
- The application, in its nature, is sufficiently unique as to mitigate any potential precedent for similar applications in future; and

- The amount awarded would not place a significant burden on the North Yorkshire NNDR Pool.

The meeting concluded at approximately 7.00 pm.