

SERVICE APPEALS SUB-COMMITTEE: MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, 7th April 2020

Place: *Meeting held remotely in accordance with The Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Meetings) (England) Regulations 2020*

Time: 11.00-11.25

Present: Councillors B Ashwood, S Bywater and S King

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN/CHAIRWOMAN

Councillor Bywater was elected Chairman for the meeting.

2. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was resolved that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it contained exempt information under Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, and that it would not be in the public interest for this information to be disclosed (information relating to any individual).

4. GUARDIANSHIP APPLICATION: TM

The Sub-Committee reviewed an application for guardianship in respect of TM. The background circumstances, current situation and grounds for guardianship were considered carefully, and the Sub-Committee questioned the presenting officer in detail on various aspects of the guardianship.

The presenting officer concluded by confirming that in her professional opinion, Guardianship was the best course of action for TM. She stressed that Guardianship powers were rarely used, but in this case, TM needed care and support, primarily around his welfare, in terms of providing structure and routine, as well as his medication.

All Members thanked the presenting officer for a very clear and detailed report, which had enabled them to understand the case fully.

In making their decision, the Sub-Committee considered the following points:

- The Nearest Relative had been consulted and no longer objected to the Guardianship;

- The Nearest Relative was not in a position to provide the required care and attention;
- That the proposed Guardianship was the best course of action for TM's welfare, and he was responding well to the care framework that had been put in place.

It was resolved unanimously to approve the application for guardianship in respect of TM, as set out in the report.