



SCHEDULE 12A LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 EXEMPTION FROM DISCLOSURE OF DOCUMENTS

Meeting and Date of Meeting: Audit Committee, 1st July 2021

Report: Cyber Resilience in the Public Sector

Author: Audit Wales

I have considered grounds for exemption of information contained in the background paper for the report referred to above and make the following recommendation to the Proper Officer:-

Exemptions applying to the report:

This report will be exempt under paragraph 18 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act – Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime

Factors in favour of disclosure:

Openness & transparency in matters concerned with the public

Prejudice which would result if the information were disclosed:

This report looks to present to Audit Committee the Audit Wales report on cyber resilience in the Welsh public sector. In light of the sensitive information contained in the report it is appropriate for this report to be exempt from public disclosure. This follows advice that Audit Wales has received from the UK's National Cyber Security Centre and that confirmed that publishing or making public the report would risk provoking cyber-attacks in Wales.

My view on the public interest test is as follows:

Factors in favour of disclosure are outweighed by those against.

Recommended decision on exemption from disclosure:

Maintain exemption from publication in relation to report

Date: 24th June 2021

Signed: Audit Wales – as per letter and request from Auditor General for Wales

Post: Auditor General for Wales

I accept/I do not accept the recommendation made above

Signed:

Peter Davies, Deputy Chief Officer / Chief Officer for Resources

Date: 24th June 2021