

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

Meeting and Date of Meeting: Investment Committee, 28th July 2021

Report: Digital Infrastructure Loan progress update

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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:-

This is a report detailing the performance of commercial loan provided by the Council, which includes information on loan terms and arrangements.

Exemptions applying to the report:

Local Government Act, Schedule 12A, Part 4;

14. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)

Factors in favour of disclosure:

Openness & transparency in matters concerned with the public

Prejudice which would result if the information were disclosed:

The Council is undertaking commercially sensitive discussions with a third party company who is receiving a commercial loan from the Council and that is dependent on commercial sensitive performance criteria met. Any public disclosure would prejudice our position and impact on the credibility of these third parties.

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: 19th July 2021

Signed: Mike Powell

Post: Rural Programmes Manager

I accept the recommendation made above

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Post: Deputy Chief Executive / Chief Officer for Resource (S151 Officer)

Date: 20th July 2021