



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

Meeting and Date of Meeting: 11th March 2024

Report: Standards Committee Decision Notice - PSOW

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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:-

Exemptions applying to the report:

The report and appendices is exempt by virtue of the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A, Part 4, paragraphs 12 and 21 in that it is information relating to a particular individual and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Factors in favour of disclosure:

Openness & transparency in matters concerned with the public

Prejudice which would result if the information were disclosed:

It relates to information that would be exempt under Sch12A LGA, and the public interest in maintaining exemption does not outweigh the public interest in disclosure. These documents are shared with the Monitoring Officer in relation to his statutory role and the Ombudsman has permitted him to share them with the Standards Committee so as to assist them with the performance of their duties.

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: 1st March 2024

Signed: J Williams

Post: Chief Officer Law & Governance

I accept the recommendation made above

Signed: J Williams
Chief Officer Law & Governance

Date: 1/3/24

