

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

Meeting and Date of Meeting: Appointment Committee Council Meeting Wednesday 13th August 2025

Report: Appointment of Head of Planning

Author: Craig O'Connor

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:

Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 1A, Part 4, Paragraphs 12 and 21.
The Constitution requires that appointments of chief officers outside of SLT are made as a decision of Appointment Committee. This item will involve the final interview of the candidate selected following the prior process. Clearly, if this item was open to the press and public it would make the identity for applicants known and the confidentiality of a HR process would be undermined, therefore the item is exempt as it would identify individuals.

Factors in favour of disclosure:

Nil

Prejudice which would result if the information were disclosed:

There is an expectation of confidentiality that exists in an interview process and applicants should be able to apply and be interviewed without having their identity known.

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: 28.7.2025



Signed:

Craig O'Connor

Post: Chief Officer for Place and Community Well Being

I accept the recommendation made above

Signed:



Post: Chief Officer – People, Performance and Partnerships

Date: 28/07/2025