

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

Meeting and Date of Meeting: 7 October 2026 – Standards Committee Hearing Panel

Report: Initial Determination – PSOW Referral

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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:

This report and its appendices are exempt from publication by virtue of the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A, Part 4, paragraphs 12 and 22.

Factors in favour of disclosure:

Openness & transparency in matters concerned with the public

Prejudice which would result if the information were disclosed:

Personal information regarding an on-going quasi-judicial matter.

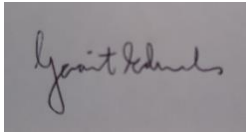
My view on the public interest test is as follows:

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: 28.9.2026

Signed:  G B Edwards

Post: Head of Litigation and Deputy Monitoring Officer

I accept the recommendation made above

Signed: J Williams
Chief Officer Law and Governance

Date: 28.9.2026