



CABINET – 11TH DECEMBER 2024

PUBLIC INTEREST TEST – EXEMPTION FROM DISCLOSURE OF DOCUMENTS PARAGRAPH 14 OF SCHEDULE 12A LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

**SUBJECT: PENTREBANE STREET, CAERPHILLY – PROPOSED ADVANCED
DEMOLITION WORKS**

**REPORT BY: HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES AND DEPUTY MONITORING
OFFICER**

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

EXEMPTIONS APPLYING TO THE REPORT:

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

FACTORS IN FAVOUR OF DISCLOSURE:

There is a public interest in the way in which the Council awards contracts for works.

PREJUDICE WHICH WOULD RESULT IF THE INFORMATION WERE DISCLOSED:

The report contains detailed financial information about the potential costs and allocation of funds to enable the council to enter into a contractual arrangement to undertake proposed demolition works.

MY VIEW ON THE PUBLIC INTEREST TEST IS AS FOLLOWS:

That paragraph 14 should apply.

I am mindful of the need to ensure the transparency and accountability in the way the council enters into contractual arrangements. However, disclosure of the information contained in the report would prejudice the council's ability to achieve best value in the tender process to award a contract in respect of the works.

On that basis I feel that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. Members are asked to consider these factors when determining the public interest test, which they must decide when considering excluding the public from this part of the meeting.

RECOMMENDED DECISION ON EXEMPTION FROM DISCLOSURE:

On the basis set out above I feel that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, and that the report should be exempt.

Signed:

Handwritten signature of Lia Jones in black ink.

Dated: 21 November 2024

Post: Deputy Monitoring Officer and Head of Democratic Services

I accept the recommendation made above.

Handwritten signature of D.M. Street in black ink.

Signed:

Proper Officer

Date: 21 November 2024