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Date: 9th December 2016

Dear Sir/Madam,

A meeting of the Investigating and Disciplinary Committee will be held in the Core Room 1.3, Penallta House, Tredomen, Ystrad Mynach on Thursday, 15th December, 2016 at 9.30 am to consider the matters contained in the following agenda.

Yours faithfully,

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Chris Burns
INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE

AGENDA

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- 1 To receive apologies for absence.
- 2 Declarations of Interest.

Councillors and Officers are reminded of their personal responsibility to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interest(s) in respect of any item of business on this agenda in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000, the Council's Constitution and the Code of Conduct for both Councillors and Officers.



To receive and consider the following report(s) which in the opinion of the Proper Officer may be discussed when the meeting is not open to the public and first to consider whether the public interest requires that the meeting should be closed to the public for consideration of this item(s):-

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4 Disciplinary Proceedings for Statutory Officers.

#### Circulation:

Councillors D.G. Carter (Chair), N. George, C.J. Gordon, J.A. Pritchard, S. Morgan, D. Rees and J. Taylor

For information substitute(s) Councillor R.W. Gough, D. Havard and T.J. Williams

And Appropriate Officers

## Agenda Item 3



# INVESTIGATING AND DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE - 15TH DECEMBER 2016

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

SUBJECT:

DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS FOR STATUTORY OFFICERS

REPORT BY: INTERIM HEAD OF LEGAL SERVICES AND MONITORING OFFICER

I have considered grounds for exemption of information to be presented to the Committee and make the following recommendations to the Proper Officer:-

#### **EXEMPTIONS APPLYING TO THE REPORT:**

Information relating to a particular individual(s) (para 12).

#### FACTORS IN FAVOUR OF DISCLOSURE:

There is a public interest in the way in which the Council deals with staffing issues.

### PREJUDICE WHICH WOULD RESULT IF THE INFORMATION WERE DISCLOSED:

The report contains detailed information regarding personal information which affects a particular individual/s and the affairs of that individual/s.

#### MY VIEW ON THE PUBLIC INTEREST TEST IS AS FOLLOWS:

That paragraph 12 should apply. My view on the Public Interest Test is that whilst there is a need to ensure transparency and accountability of a Public Authority for decisions taken in relation to staffing issues, this must be balanced against the fact that these matters have not yet been concluded at this stage outweigh the need for the information to be made public.

The information is not affected by any other statutory provision, which requires the information to be publicly registered. The information contains personal data of staff members which is protected by the Data Protection Act 1998.

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 this factor 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 that basis 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.

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