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Date: 4th March 2021

Dear Sir/Madam,

A digital meeting of the **Appointments Committee** will be held via Microsoft Teams on **Thursday, 11th March, 2021 at 11.00 am** to consider the matters contained in the following agenda. You are welcome to use Welsh at the meeting, a minimum notice period of 3 working days is required should you wish to do so

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chrissy'.

Christina Harrhy
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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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.

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| 3 | To receive and consider the following matter which in the opinion of the Proper Officer may be discussed when the meeting is not open to the public and first to | |
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consider whether the public interest requires that the meeting should be closed to the public for consideration on this matter: -

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4 To Consider the Appointment Process for the Post of Chief Housing Officer.

Circulation:

Councillors Mrs E.M. Aldworth (Chair), W. David, V. James, J. Pritchard, G. Simmonds, J. Simmonds (Vice Chair), J. Taylor and Mrs M.E. Sargent,

Relevant Cabinet Member Councillor L. Phipps (Cabinet Member for Housing and Property)

And Appropriate Officers.

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APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE – 11TH MARCH 2021

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

SUBJECT: TO CONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT PROCESS FOR THE POST OF CHIEF HOUSING OFFICER

REPORT BY: 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 personal information regarding individuals who have applied for the above-mentioned vacant post.

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 the appointment of senior officers, this must be balanced against the fact that this process has not yet been formally concluded and also the right of a third party to the privacy of their affairs. It is considered that this outweighs 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 2018.

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.

Signed:
Post: Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer

Date: 2nd March 2021

I accept/~~do not accept~~ recommendation made above.

Signed:
Proper Officer

Date: 2nd March 2021

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