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Dear Sir/Madam,

A special digital meeting of **Council** will be held via Microsoft Teams on **Thursday**, **18th March**, **2021** at **5.00 pm** to consider the matters contained in the following agenda.

Yours faithfully,

Christina Harrhy
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 reports: -

3 Public Interest Test.

To receive and consider the following report 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 report:

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4 Employment Tribunal Claim of the Former Chief Executive.

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SPECIAL COUNCIL - 18TH MARCH 2021

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

SUBJECT: EMPLOYMENT TRIBUNAL CLAIM OF THE FORMER CHIEF EXECUTIVE

REPORT BY: HEAD OF LEGAL SERVICES AND 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 a particular individual, information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person, information in relation to any labour relations matter and information which is legally privileged - (paragraphs 12,14, 15 & 16 Schedule 12A LGA 1972).

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 personal information, financial information, information on a labour relations matter and information which is legally privileged.

MY VIEW ON THE PUBLIC INTEREST TEST IS AS FOLLOWS:

That paragraph 12, 14, 15 and 16 should apply. My view on the Public Interest Test is that whilst there is a need to ensure transparency and accountability of a Council for decisions taken in relation to staffing issues, this must be balanced against personal and financial information of an individual being made public, in the context of an employment dispute.

The information is not affected by any other statutory provision which requires the information to be publicly registered or publicly available. The information contains personal data which is protected by the Data Protection Action 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 these factors when determining the public interest test, which they must decide upon when considering whether to exclude the press and public from this part of the meeting before considering the report.

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 treated as exempt.

| Signed: | | Date: 10 th March 2 |
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| Post: | Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer | |
| I accept/ do | not accept the recommendation made above. | |

Signed: Date: 10th March 21

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By virtue of paragraph(s) 12, 14, 15, 16 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

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