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Date: 21st April 2015

Dear Sir/Madam,

A meeting of the **Appointments Committee** will be held in the **Tredomen Innovation Centre - Conference Room** on **Tuesday, 28th April, 2015** at **10.00 am** to consider the matters contained in the following agenda.

Yours faithfully,

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Chris Burns
INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE

AGENDA

Pages

- 1 To appoint a Chairman.
- 2 To receive apologies for absence.
- 3 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 matter 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 on this matter.



To interview candidates for the post of Corporate Director (details to be circulated under separate cover).

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Circulation:

Councillors Mrs E.M. Aldworth, Mrs P. Cook, N. George, K. James, J.A. Pritchard, K.V. Reynolds, J. Taylor and R. Woodyatt,

Relevant Cabinet Member Councillor R. Passmore (Cabinet Member for Education and Lifelong Learning)

And Appropriate Officers.

Agenda Item 4



APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE - 28TH APRIL 2015

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

SUBJECT:

APPOINTMENT OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR

REPORT BY:

INTERIM 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 particular individuals (paragraph 12).

FACTORS IN FAVOUR OF DISCLOSURE:

There is a public interest in the way in which the Council appoints senior officers.

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 and this appointment process has not been formally concluded.

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 request the information to be publicly registered.

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: Authorition

Dated: 20th April 2015

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Interim Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer

I accept the recommendation made above.

Signed:

Proper Officer

Date: 20th April 2015

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