



CABINET – 6TH SEPTEMBER, 2017

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

SUBJECT: WRITE OFF OF DEBTS OVER £20,000 – NNDR ARREARS

REPORT BY: ACTING DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

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 recovers monies owed.

PREJUDICE WHICH WOULD RESULT IF THE INFORMATION WERE DISCLOSED:

The Report contains detailed information about the financial affairs of third parties and disclosure of such information could breach their right to privacy of their financial business affairs.

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 of public authorities for decisions taken by them in relation to the recovery of monies owed. However disclosure of the information contained in the report could breach their right to privacy of their financial//business affairs.

The information is not affected by any other statutory provision which requires 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 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:

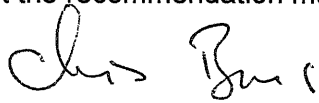
On the basis set out above I feel that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, and that the report should be exempt.

Signed: 

Dated: 23rd August 2017

Post: Interim Head of Legal Services/Monitoring Officer

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

Signed: 
Proper Officer

Date: 23/8/17