

# **CABINET – 2ND OCTOBER 2019**

# PUBLIC INTEREST TEST – EXEMPTION FROM DISCLOSURE OF DOCUMENTS PARAGRAPH 14 SCHEDULE 12A LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

SUBJECT:

PENTREBANE STREET, CAERPHILLY

POSSIBLE USE OF CPO POWERS

**REPORT BY:** 

**HEAD OF LEGAL SERVICES & MONITORING OFIFCER** 

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 considers development proposals and the related financial aspects of those proposals.

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

The report contains detailed financial information on the development proposal which may be of use to interested parties and their advisers if it were to be made public at this stage.

## 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. However disclosure of the information contained in the report could prejudice the Council's long term goal should this information be made public at this stage.

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: 4th September 2019

Post: HEAD OF LEGAL SERVICES & MONITORING OFFICER

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

Signed: Date: 6/9/19