



## SPECIAL CABINET – 20TH OCTOBER 2020

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

**SUBJECT:** WELSH GOVERNMENT STRATEGIC SITES PROGRAMME –  
OPPORTUNITIES FOR NESS TAR, CAERPHILLY

**REPORT BY:** HEAD OF LEGAL SERVICES AND MONITORING OFFICER

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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:

Paragraph 14 - Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person.

#### FACTORS IN FAVOUR OF DISCLOSURE:

There is a public interest in regeneration proposals within the Caerphilly basin.

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

The report contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of particular persons.

#### 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 individuals.

On that basis I feel that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information at this stage. 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: 5 October 2020

Post: HEAD OF LEGAL SERVICES & MONITORING OFFICER

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

Signed: 

Proper Officer

Date: 5 October 2020