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Date: 22nd February 2024

To Whom It May Concern,

A multi-locational meeting of the **Appointments Committee** will be held in the Sirhowy Room, Penallta House and via Microsoft Teams on **Thursday, 29th February, 2024 at 2.00 pm** to consider the matters contained in the following agenda. Members of the Public or Press may attend in person at Penallta House or may view the meeting live via the following link: <https://civico.net/caerphilly>. You are welcome to use Welsh at the meeting, a minimum notice period of 3 working days is required should you wish to do so. A simultaneous translation will be provided on request.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chrissy'.

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.

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3 Public Interest Test.

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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: -

4 To Shortlist Candidates to Progress to Assessment Centre as part of the Recruitment Process for the Head of Regeneration and Planning.

Circulation:

Councillors Mrs E.M. Aldworth (Chair), N. George, A. Farina-Childs, A. McConnell, C.P. Mann, E. Stenner, J. Taylor and A. Whitcombe,

Relevant Cabinet Member: Councillor P. Leonard

And Appropriate Officers.

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APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE – 29TH FEBRUARY 2024

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

SUBJECT: TO SHORTLIST CANDIDATES TO PROGRESS TO ASSESSMENT CENTRE AS PART OF THE RECRUITMENT PROCESS FOR THE HEAD OF REGENERATION AND PLANNING

REPORT BY: HEAD OF LEGAL SERVICES AND MONITORING OFFICER

I have considered grounds for exemption of information to be presented to the Committee and make the following recommendations to the Proper Officer:-

EXEMPTIONS APPLYING TO THE REPORT:

Information relating to a particular individual(s) (para 12).

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 regarding individuals who have applied for the above-mentioned vacant post.

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 requires the information to be publicly registered. The report contains personal data which is protected by the Data Protection Act 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 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: Date: 8.2.24

Post: Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer

I accept the recommendation made above.

Signed:

Proper Officer Date: 08.02.24

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