



CABINET - 29TH MARCH 2017

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

**SUBJECT: COMMUNITY CENTRES - EXTENSION TO FLEXIBLE RETIREMENT
DUE TO EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES**

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:

There is 1 report included with this agenda. The report contains information relating to a particular individual (paragraph 12) and information relating to the financial or business affairs of the particular person (including the authority holding the information) (paragraph 14).

FACTORS IN FAVOUR OF DISCLOSURE:

There is a public interest in the way in which the Council will be organising its internal staffing arrangements.

PREJUDICE WHICH WOULD RESULT IF THE INFORMATION WERE DISCLOSED:

The report contains detailed information regarding internal staffing arrangements for the Directorate named in the report and contains personal information about an individual Officer referred to in the report.

MY VIEW ON THE PUBLIC INTEREST TEST IS AS FOLLOWS:


That paragraphs 12 and 14 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 staffing issues, this must be balanced against the fact that the information about the individual referred to in the report is personal information that is protected by the Data Protection Act 1998.

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 this factor when determining the public interest test, which they must decide upon when considering excluding the public from this part of the meeting.

RECOMMENDED DECISION ON EXEMPTION FROM DISCLOSURE:

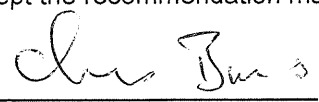
On that basis I feel that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, and that the report should be exempt.

Signed: 

Dated: 21/3/17

Post: Interim Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer

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

Signed: 

Proper Officer

Date: 21/3/17