

VOLUNTARY SECTOR LIAISON SUB-COMMITTEE – 30TH NOVEMBER 2023

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

SUBJECT: APPENDIX 2 – WELSH CHURCH ACTS FUND – APPLICATION FROM INDIVIDUALS

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:

Paragraph 12 – Information relating to a particular individual(s).

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 the way in which the Council awards its grant funding.

PREJUDICE WHICH WOULD RESULT IF THE INFORMATION WERE DISCLOSED:

The report contains detailed personal and financial information relating to a particular individual.

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 the award of grant funding, this must be balanced against the fact that these matters have not yet been concluded and there is a reasonable expectation of an individual that personal and financial information will remain private. 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 required the information to be made publicly available.

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 press and public from the part of the meeting.

RECOMMENDED DECISION ON EXEMPTION FROM DISCLOSURE:

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

Signed:



Date: 13/11/23

Post: Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer

I accept the recommendation made above.

Signed:



Date: 13/11/23

Proper Officer