



CABINET – 17TH JANUARY 2024

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

**SUBJECT: SURRENDER AND RELET PROPOSAL – UNIT 3 AND 4 BRYN
BRITHDIR, OAKDALE BUSINESS PARK, BLACKWOOD**

REPORT BY: 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:

Paragraph 14 - Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)..

FACTORS IN FAVOUR OF DISCLOSURE:

There is public interest in the way that a council manages its industrial unit estate.

PREJUDICE WHICH WOULD RESULT IF THE INFORMATION WERE DISCLOSED:

The report contains detailed confidential financial information relating to a number of companies and information of the proposed commercial deal.

MY VIEW ON THE PUBLIC INTEREST TEST IS AS FOLLOWS:

That paragraph 14 should apply.

Whilst there is a public interest in the way the council manages its industrial units, the report contains confidential details of the companies' business plans and the proposed commercial deal that will allow a company to succeed the current incumbent of the industrial units.

For these reasons 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 press and 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: 8.1.24

Post: Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer

I accept the recommendation made above.



Signed: _____

Proper Officer

Date: 08.01.24