



SPECIAL CABINET – 17TH JULY 2024

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

SUBJECT: CWMCARN FOREST DRIVE COLLABORATION WITH NATURAL RESOURCES WALES – MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

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 12 – Information relating to a particular individual or individuals.

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

FACTORS IN FAVOUR OF DISCLOSURE:

There is a public interest in the way that the Council manages its land holdings.

PREJUDICE WHICH WOULD RESULT IF THE INFORMATION WERE DISCLOSED:

The Council is considering a number of options for the future of the site in collaboration with the majority land owner of the site, NRW, and industry consultants. These discussions are on-going and the Council needs to consult a number of stakeholders, including staff that work at the site. It is hoped that the Council will have firm proposals for the site by the early part of 2025.

MY VIEW ON THE PUBLIC INTEREST TEST IS AS FOLLOWS:

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 whether to exclude the press and 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: 10th May, 2024

Post: Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer

I accept the recommendation made above.

Signed:

Date: 13th May 2024

Proper Officer