
Exclusion of Public and Press

To: **Pleasurama Site Development Review Task and Finish Group**

By: **Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Summary: This report seeks the Committee's approval to exclude the public and press from the meeting on agenda item 6 as it contains exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 3 and 5 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

For Decision

1.0 Introduction

1.1 The public may be excluded from meetings whenever it is likely in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings that confidential or exempt information would be disclosed. The public and press **must** be excluded from meetings if confidential information will be considered and discussed.

Meaning of confidential information

1.2 Confidential information **means** information given to the Council by a Government Department on terms which forbid its public disclosure or information which cannot be publicly disclosed by Court Order.

Exempt information – discretion to exclude public

1.3 Subject to Article 6 of the Human Rights Act 1998 (right to a fair trial) the public may be excluded from meetings whenever it is likely in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings that exempt information would be disclosed.

2.0 Exempt information

2.1 The full rules are set out in Part V and Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972 (as Amended).

3.0 Reason for Exempt Item

3.1 The report author has classified Agenda Item 6 as disclosing exempt information under Paragraphs 3 and 5 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) thereby suggesting that the press and public be excluded from the meeting whilst these items are debated.

Paragraph 3

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

Paragraph 5

3.3 Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.

Justification/Public Interest Test

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4.0 Corporate Implications

4.1 Financial

4.1.1 There are no direct financial implications.

4.2 Legal

4.2.1 As per Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

4.3 Corporate

4.3.1 None.

4.4 Equity and Equalities

4.4.1 There are no specific equity and equality considerations that need to be addressed in this report.

5.0 Recommendation

5.1 That the public and press be excluded from the meeting on agenda item 6 as it contains exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 3 and 5 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

6.0 Decision Making Process

6.1 This Committee must agree the recommendation if the press and public are to be excluded.

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Corporate Consultation Undertaken

Finance	N/A
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