



CABINET – 13TH APRIL 2022

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

**SUBJECT: 21ST CENTURY SCHOOLS BAND B PROPOSAL - UPDATE YSGOL
GYMRAEG CWM GWYDDON**

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:

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

FACTORS IN FAVOUR OF DISCLOSURE:

It is of interest to the public how councils spend public money on building contracts.

PREJUDICE WHICH WOULD RESULT IF THE INFORMATION WERE DISCLOSED:

The report contains details of the potential increase in costs to build the new school. Each contractor that tendered for the work originally will be contacted for an expression of interest in the contract and for an updated breakdown of costs to build the school. If the costs were in the public domain at this stage, that may affect the submission of the costs information from each contractor.

MY VIEW ON THE PUBLIC INTEREST TEST IS AS FOLLOWS:

That paragraph 14 should apply. Whilst the public should know how much the council spends on building schools, the information contained within the report should not be public yet as that could affect the submission of tenders from the interested contractors.

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 these factors when determining the public interest test, which they must decide when considering excluding the 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: 4 April 2022

Post: Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer

I accept the recommendation made above.



Signed: _____
Proper Officer

Date: 4th April 2022