

## **HOMES & COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE**

**14 MARCH 2022**

### **ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE EXEMPT REPORTS CONSIDERED BY THE HOMES & COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE**

#### **1.0 Purpose of Report**

1.1 To provide the Homes & Communities Committee with a list of the exempt business considered by the Committee for the period 14 September 2020 to date. Included are reports which have previously been presented but had remained confidential at that time.

#### **2.0 Background Information**

2.1 The Councillors' Commission at their meeting held on 25 September 2014 proposed a number of changes in respect of exempt information, one of which being that 'the Committees undertake an annual review of their exempt items'. This was ratified by the Council on 14 October 2014.

2.2 Members will also be aware that the Council agreed a review mechanism for exempt items which was incorporated into the Access to Information Procedure Rules. Rule 18 provides Members with a mechanism to request a review of exempt information with a view to this being released into the public domain should there be substantive reasons to do so.

#### **3.0 Proposals**

3.1 The following table provides the exempt business considered by the Homes & Communities Committee for the period 14 September 2020 to date:

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Exempt Paragraph</b>	<b>Opinion of Report Author as to current status of the report</b>	<b>Reason why report should remain exempt</b>
14 September 2020	Telephony & Call Centre Solution ( <i>Dave Richardson</i> )	3	Information to remain Exempt	Remain exempt until 2023, due to commercial sensitivities of the quoted costs of the telephony solutions provided to local authorities Ashfield and Rushcliffe, who were referenced for comparison.
23 November 2020	Urgency Item – Next Steps Accommodation Programme ( <i>Suzanne Shead</i> )	3	Recommend release in to Public Domain	N/A
18 January	HRA New Build	3	Recommend	N/A

2021	Development Potential Site Report ( <i>Suzanne Shead</i> )		release in to Public Domain	
15 March 2021	Proposal for Public Space Protection Orders – Newark Town Centre and Sites in Balderton (Exempt – Appendix One) ( <i>Alan Batty</i> )	3	Information to remain Exempt	Remain exempt as Appendix includes sensitive Police data.

#### 4.0 **RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the report be noted with those items which are no longer considered as exempt being released into the public domain.**

#### **Reason for Recommendation**

**To advise Members of the exempt business considered by the Homes & Communities Committee for the period 14 September 2020 to date and those items which can now be released into the public domain.**

#### **Background Papers**

Nil

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