



Report to: Cabinet Meeting: 24 September 2024

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Report Summary	
Type of Report	Open report, non-key decision
Report Title	Annual Review of Exempt Items
Purpose of Report	To consider the list of exempt business considered by the Cabinet for period 11 July 2023 to date, and which if any, reports can be released into the public domain.
Recommendations	<p>That Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) note the report, with any items being released into the public domain if considered no longer exempt by report authors; and b) consider if this annual review needs to be brought to the Cabinet going forward, given the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act and the Access to Information Procedure Rules.
Alternative Options Considered	<p>This report reviews previous exempt items of business considered by the Cabinet over the previous 12 months, in order to release any information into the public domain if appropriate.</p> <p>However, given the report only reviews confidential items over the previous 12 months it is limited in scope and an alternative approach to taking this report on an annual basis is to utilise the Freedom of Information regime which enables the public to request reports / information to be released at any time which would then be assessed on a case-by-case basis.</p> <p>There is also provision under the Access to Information Procedure Rules for Members to request the Monitoring Officer to release exempt information into the public domain if there are substantive reasons to do so (paragraph 1.3 of the report refers).</p>

Reason for Recommendations	To review previous exempt reports considered by the Cabinet over the previous 12 months and to consider if this report is still required going forward given its limited value.
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1.0 Background

- 1.1 This report sets out the reports which were considered by the Cabinet as exempt items of business for the period from 11 July 2023 to date.
- 1.2 Officers have been requested to consider if any of these reports could now be released into the public domain or if the information contained in these reports remains confidential.
- 1.3 Members also have the opportunity to request (under Rule 4.18 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules) the Monitoring Officer to release exempt information into the public domain if there are substantive reasons to do so.
- 1.4 The following table provides the exempt business considered by Cabinet for the period 11 July 2023 to date, and the opinion of the report author as to whether the report could be released into the public domain.

Date of Cabinet Meeting	Agenda Item	Exempt Paragraph(s) / Reason(s) for Exemption	Opinion of Report Author as to current status of the report
11.07.23	Land at Hall Farm, Edingley	Paragraphs 1, 3, 6 & 7 - Information relating to individuals; commercially sensitive; subject to legal professional privilege; and relates to the prosecution of crime.	Information to remain confidential
	Ollerton Hall - Appendix	Paragraph 3 - Commercially sensitive information	Information to remain confidential
	Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund Wave 2.1 - Appendix	Paragraph 3 - Commercially sensitive information	Information to remain confidential
19.09.23	Housing Services Structure Proposal	Paragraph 5 – Information relating to consultations in connection with employees	Information to remain confidential
	Allocations and Development Management DPD	Paragraph 3 - Commercially sensitive information	Information to remain confidential
31.10.23	Southwell Leisure Centre Works – Appendix	Paragraph 3 - Commercially sensitive information	The cover report has been published as a FOI request but the appendices remain confidential
19.12.23	Ollerton Town Centre Update and Purchase of Property – Appendix	Paragraph 3 - Commercially sensitive information	Information can be released into the public domain
26.03.24	In House CCTV Monitoring Business Case	Paragraph 3 - Commercially sensitive information	Information to remain confidential
	Growth Investment Fund	3 Paragraph - Commercially sensitive information	Information to remain confidential

	14 Market Place, Newark – Feasibility and Delivery – Appendix	Paragraph 3 - Commercially sensitive information	Information to remain confidential
	Sherwood Levelling Up Fund 3 Update – Appendix	Paragraph 3 - Commercially sensitive information	Information to remain confidential
	Newark Long term Town Fund Update – Appendix	3 Paragraph - Commercially sensitive information	Information can be released into the public domain
14.05.24	Newark Towns Fund Update- Appendix	Paragraph 3 - Commercially sensitive information	Information to remain confidential
04.06.24	Sherwood Levelling Up 3- Update 3 – Ollerton and Clipstone – Appendix	Paragraphs 3 & 5 - Commercially sensitive information and information relating to consultations or negotiations	Information to remain confidential
	220-224 London Road, Balderton Options Appraisal – Appendix	Paragraph 3 - Commercially sensitive information	Information to remain confidential
23.07.24	Approval for Disposal of HRA Property	Paragraph 3 - Commercially sensitive information	Information to remain confidential

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

None.