

Agenda Item Introduction

Committee **CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Date **9 JANUARY 2024**

Topic **CONFIDENTIALITY**

1. Background

- 1.1 The committee wish to receive a report on confidentiality in terms of the council's decision-making process, specifically referencing commercial confidentiality when it comes to the disposal of council assets, and to understand in greater detail the process and what information can and can't be disclosed.
- 1.2 To understand how protective marking is used internally in reference to the council's protective marking policy, and the legal context to be explained around sensitive, private, and confidential marking.

2. Focus for Scrutiny

- In what circumstances can confidential/part exempt information be shared wider?
- Who determines when and what information is to be treated as confidential/part exempt?
- What is the legal context behind confidentiality and access to information?

3. Approach

- 3.1 A committee report to be provided on councillor's access to information.

4. Document(s) Attached

- 4.1 Appendix 1 – Access to Information – Rights of Councillors Report

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