

## Exemption/Public Interest Test – Checklist

### Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972

**Report Title: £100 Million Affordable Housing Programme: Wisbech Road, March, Fenland DC.**

**Meeting: Housing & Communities Committee**

**Date: 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

**1. Category of Exemption applied (see Guidance for categories):**

Appendix 1 to 5 of the Report titled **£100 Million Affordable Housing Programme: is: Wisbech Road, March, Fenlands** exempts from publication in accordance with paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 on account that the Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person or organization (including the authority holding that information).

#### **Public Interest Test Questionnaire**

This is not a definitive list but does provide a set of questions to help decide if information should be confidential

<b>FACTORS SUPPORTING DISCLOSURE</b>	<b>ANSWER YES/NO</b>
Will disclosure help people to understand and participate in public debate about current issues?	no
Will disclosure help people to understand why the Combined Authority has taken certain decisions?	no
Will disclosure give the public information about the personal probity (or otherwise) of elected members or council staff?	no
Will disclosure encourage greater competition and better value for money for council taxpayers?	yes
Will disclosure allow individuals and companies to understand decisions made by the Combined Authority that have affected their lives?	no
Is the information about factors that affect public health and public safety? (NB you should be careful if considering the release of information which might adversely affect public health and safety)	no

Will disclosure reveal incompetent, illegal or unethical decision-making or examples of malpractice?	no
Will disclosure reveal that such maladministration has not in fact occurred?	no
<b>FACTORS SUPPORTING WITHHOLDING INFORMATION</b>	<b>ANSWER YES/NO</b>
Will disclosure damage the Combined Authority's interests without giving the public any useful information?	no
Will disclosure damage another organisation or person's interests, without giving the public any useful information?	yes
Will disclosure give an unfair, prejudicial, or inaccurate view of a situation?	no
Will disclosure prevent the effective delivery of services without giving the public useful information?	yes
Will disclosure put the health and safety of any group or individuals at risk?	no
Is there a clear and coherent reason why the community in general would benefit more from information being withheld?	Yes – this is extremely business sensitive for Sage Housing, as transactions are still ongoing.

### **Outcome of Public Interest Test**

The exempt documents are strictly confidential due to the business and financial sensitivity whereby Sage Housing has ongoing transactions, and if in the public domain could lead to their competitors knowing of their circumstances. The scheme has yet to be acquired (land) by Sage Housing, and due to other changes made on the site. (tenure mix). Sage Housing is working closely with Contractors called Partner Construction. In normal circumstances – this information would not be in the public domain – but in the confines of the organization.

#### Appendices

1. CPCA /Application Form & Business Case (business sensitive)
2. Layout Plan. (business sensitive)
3. Draft Red Book Evaluation (extremely business sensitive)

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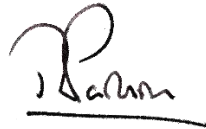
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Signed off by Director



Date 17/02/2022

Approved by Monitoring Officer.....



Date 22/02/2022