

CABINET

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EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Alan Jarrett, Leader

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Summary

This report summarises the content of two exempt appendices, which, in the opinion of the proper officer, will contain exempt information within one of the categories in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. It is a matter for the Cabinet to determine whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the documents.

1. Recommendation

- 1.1 The Cabinet is required to decide whether to exclude the press and public during consideration of the following documents because consideration of the matters in public would disclose information falling within one of the descriptions of exempt information contained in Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, as specified below, and, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption, outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Report Title	Adoption Partnership - The London Borough of Bexley, Kent County Council and Medway Council Regional Adoption Agency (RAA)
Agenda Item	Exempt Appendix
Summary	This Exempt Appendix contains the financial implications in respect of the partnership agreement.
Category of exempt information (Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972)	Not for publication under paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 – Information relating to financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

Report Title	Medway Development Company Ltd Update
Agenda Item	Exempt Appendix
Summary	This Exempt Appendix contains key information in respect of the financial analysis and the submissions and outcome of evaluation.
Category of exempt information (Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972)	Not for publication under paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 – Information relating to financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

- 1.2 Members are advised that the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 requires 28 clear days' notice of a Cabinet meeting to be held in private.
- 1.3 A notice of intention to conduct business in private was originally issued on 24 August 2020. No representations have been received.
- 1.4 With regards to the Adoption Partnership report, on this occasion it has not been possible to provide the 28 clear days' notice. The Chairman of the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee has agreed, in accordance with the provisions of the 2012 Regulations, that this matter is both urgent and cannot be reasonably deferred until the next Cabinet meeting on 20 October 2020 given it is recommended that the Partnership will go live on 1 November 2020.
- 1.5 This report confirms the previous notice of intention to conduct this business in private.

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Appendices

None

Background Papers

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