

## Cabinet

**11 February 2025**

### **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Vince Maple, Leader of the Council

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#### Summary

This report summarises the content of 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 these documents.

#### 1. Recommendation

- 1.1 The Cabinet is required to decide whether to exclude the press and public during consideration of the following document because consideration of these 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.

<b>Report Title</b>	Kingsley House Lease
<b>Agenda Item</b>	17
<b>Summary</b>	The Exempt Appendix sets out details of the lease.
<b>Category of exempt information (Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972)</b>	Not for publication under paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 – Information relating to financial or business affairs of any particular person (including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).

<b>Report Title</b>	South Thames Gateway Building Control Partnership Business Plan
<b>Agenda Item</b>	18
<b>Summary</b>	The Exempt Appendix sets out the Business Plan.
<b>Category of exempt information (Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972)</b>	Not for publication under paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 – Information relating to financial or business affairs of any particular person (including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 21 October 2024 in relation to Agenda Item No.18. No representations have been received.
- 1.4 On this occasion it has not been possible to provide 28 clear days' notice of the exempt information to be included in Agenda Item No.17. The Chairperson of the Regeneration, Culture and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee has agreed, in accordance with Section 5 (procedures prior to private meetings) of the above regulations, that this matter is both urgent and cannot be reasonably deferred until the next Cabinet meeting on 11 March 2025.
- 1.4 This report confirms the previous notices of intention to conduct this business in private.

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### Appendices

None

### Background Papers

[Forward Plan Cabinet – 19 November 2024](#)

[Forward Plan Cabinet – 11 February 2025 – Update No.1](#)