

**It is recommended that the public be excluded from the following parts of the meeting:**

**The general subject of each matter to be considered whilst the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution is as follows:**

General subject to be considered:	Reason for passing this resolution:	Grounds under Section 7:
Draft Audit, Finance & Risk Committee minutes 12 September 2024	<p>That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information where the withholding of information is necessary to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• maintain legal professional privilege</li> <li>• enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)</li> </ul>	<p>Section 7(2)(g)</p> <p>Section 7(2)(i)</p>

**Public Excluded Agenda Items:**

Item 9: Internal Audit Report December 2024

Item 10: Legal Update

Item: 11: Treasury Report

General subject to be considered:	Reason for passing this resolution:	Grounds under Section 7:
Item 9: Internal Audit Report December 2024	<p>That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information where the withholding of information is necessary to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to protect information where making it available would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied</li> </ul> <p><i>Reason for recommendation</i></p> <p>The internal audit report provides assurance regarding procurement practices and relies on information relating to procurement systems and processes. If findings were to be made public, this would likely impact upon the provision of information and the openness of those subject to an audit, as well as those responsible for relevant systems and associated controls, thereby limiting the effectiveness of findings and associated recommendations.</p>	Section 7(2)(c)

<p>Item 10: Legal Update</p>	<p>That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information where the withholding of information is necessary to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• maintain legal professional privilege.</li> </ul> <p><i>Reason for recommendation</i></p> <p>Legal privilege protects communications between a lawyer and a client which have been made for the purposes of giving and receiving legal advice. The contents of this report are covered by legal privilege as the items in this report are matters that Council is seeking legal advice on that relate to legal proceedings (or threatened legal proceedings).</p> <p>Withholding the contents of this report from the public enables Council to obtain confidential legal advice about its position on legal issues without the risk of that advice being disclosed to another party (including the claimant) and disadvantaging its position.</p>	<p>Section 7(2)(g)</p>
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Item 11: Treasury Update	<p>That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information where the withholding of information is necessary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.</li> </ul> <p><i>Reason for recommendation</i></p> <p>The report includes commercially sensitive financial information such as interest rates &amp; SWAP rates which are subject to competitive bids. It could unreasonably prejudice Council's ability to compete in financial markets if such information were made public.</p>	Section 7(2)(h)
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**This recommendation is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act or Section 6 or Section 7 or Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982 as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as shown above with respect to each item.**