

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - RESOURCES - 7 JANUARY 2016

PUBLIC QUESTION UNDER STANDING ORDER 19 FROM MR LEWIS

I am very disappointed that this item is being heard without the contents being heard without the public or press able to see it. Having heard recently that the people of Exeter will be paying for the new bus station, I believe the details of funding the bus station is being heard at this meeting, and subsequently at Executive meeting.

1) What are the elements reported in this paper?

1) **ANSWER** - *The paper sets out the rationale for the council delivering a new bus station for Exeter.*

2) What matters are within this paper that requires it to be confidential?

2) **ANSWER** - *There are commercial sensitive matters within the report, which could negatively impact the project.*

3) Considering that councils should be open and transparent about decision making, does all of the contents of this paper need to remain confidential?

3) **ANSWER** - *The contents of the paper, as currently drafted, need to be dealt with as a confidential matter, and consideration within Part 2, the closed session of the agenda due to the commercially sensitive nature of the information. If the Members of the Committee feel it is appropriate these elements can be separated to produce a Part 1 matter to be discussed in the open part of the agenda, and also retain the Part 2 report for consideration by the Executive and subsequently Council.*

Members of the Scrutiny Committee - Resources were also invited to debate the matter.

Mr Lewis was not present at the meeting.