

Notice of Intention of Meeting to be Held in Private (In Part) – Urgency

Date of Request:	4 June 2025	Date of Meeting/Decision:	10 June 2025	Officer:	Managing Director (via Monitoring Officer)
Report/ Decision Title:	Tees Valley Energy Recovery Facility Project ('TVERF')				
Decision-maker:	Cabinet				

At a recent meeting of Full Council, a motion in relation to the TVERF was considered. Following a successful amendment, this resulted in a recommendation that Cabinet should consider various issues and make a decision in relation to the project. The report to be produced for Cabinet will need to include exempt information as there will be reference to confidential matters relating to a 'live' procurement and legal proceedings. Accordingly, some of the meeting, when considering this report, will need to be held in private with the press and public excluded.

For a meeting to be held fully or partially in private, there is generally a need under the Access to Information Rules to give 28 days' notice of this. However, there is urgency around the need for a decision regarding the Council's commitment to the TVERF due to the current stage of the procurement and other arrangements. It is understood that this decision needs to be made in June and, therefore, cannot reasonably be deferred for the normal period of 28 days to allow for the usual notice to be published.

In view of the urgency, a Cabinet report is currently being produced with the intention, if possible, of this being added to the agenda for the Cabinet meeting on 10 June 2025 as an urgent item of business. Therefore, use of the urgency procedure for the meeting to be held in private has been sought to waive the notice requirement in the event that this report can be produced in time.

The urgent need for the relevant part of this meeting to be held in private has been discussed and agreed by the Chair of the Corporate Resources and Governance Scrutiny and Improvement Committee on 4 June 2025

Publication of this notice is to comply with Rule 11.3 of the Council's Access to Information Rules.