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Date: 9th July 2019

Dear Sir/Madam,

A meeting of the **Taxi and General Sub Committee** will be held in the **Rhymney Room - Penallta House, Tredomen, Ystrad Mynach** on **Thursday, 18th July, 2019** at **10.00 am** to consider the matters contained in the following agenda. You are welcome to use Welsh at the meeting, a minimum notice period of 3 working days is required should you wish to do so. A simultaneous translation will be provided if requested.

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Yours faithfully,

Christina Harrhy INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE

AGENDA

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- 1 To receive apologies for absence.
- 2 Declarations of Interest.

Councillors and Officers are reminded of their personal responsibility to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interest(s) in respect of any item of business on this agenda in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000, the Council's Constitution and Code of Conduct for both Councillors and Officers.



To receive and consider the following reports which in the opinion of the Proper Officer may be discussed when the meeting is not open to the public and first to consider whether the public interest requires that the meeting should be closed to the public for consideration of this item.
Application for Grant of Hackney Carriage Licence & Exemption in respect of Age Policy.
Licensing Of Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Vehicle Drivers.
Licensing Of Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Vehicle Drivers.
Application of Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Vehicle Drivers.

Circulation:

Councillors D.W.R. Preece (Chair), M. Davies and K. Etheridge

And Appropriate Officers

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Agenda Item 3



TAXI AND GENERAL SUB COMMITTEE – 18TH JULY 2019

PUBLIC INTEREST TEST – EXEMPTION FROM DISCLOSURE OF DOCUMENTS SCHEDULE 12A LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

SUBJECT: APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENCE & EXEMPTION IN RESPECT OF AGE POLICY

REPORT BY: MONITORING OFFICER AND HEAD OF LEGAL SERVICES

I have considered grounds for exemption of information contained in the report referred to above and make the following recommendations to the Proper Officer:-

EXEMPTIONS APPLYING TO THE REPORT:

The report contains information relating to a particular individual – paragraph 12 – Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972.

FACTORS IN FAVOUR OF DISCLOSURE:

There is a public interest for the process to be open and transparent when councils consider taxi licences.

PREJUDICE WHICH WOULD RESULT IF THE INFORMATION WERE DISCLOSED:

The report includes personal information relating to the Licence holder.

MY VIEW ON THE PUBLIC INTEREST TEST IS AS FOLLOWS:

That paragraph 12 should apply. My view on the public interest test is that whilst there is a need to ensure transparency and accountability of a Public Authority for decisions taken in relation to taxi drivers, this must be balanced against the fact that the report contains personal information about the licence holder which must remain exempt from publication.

On that basis I feel that the public interest in maintaining the exemption does outweigh the public interest in disclosing the information. Members are asked to consider this factor when determining the public interest test, which they must decide when considering whether to exclude the press and public from the meeting when this agenda item is being considered.

RECOMMENDED DECISION ON EXEMPTION FROM DISCLOSURE:

On that basis I feel that the public interest in maintaining the exemption does outweigh the public interest in disclosing the information and that the report should be exempt.

Signed:

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Date: 5/7/19

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Monitoring Officer and Head of Legal S	Services

I accept/do not accept the recommendation made above.

Proper Officer

Signed:

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TAXI AND GENERAL SUB COMMITTEE – 18TH JULY 2019

PUBLIC INTEREST TEST – EXEMPTION FROM DISCLOSURE OF DOCUMENTS SCHEDULE 12A LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

SUBJECT: LICENSING OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE DRIVERS

REPORT BY: MONITORING OFFICER AND HEAD OF LEGAL SERVICES

I have considered grounds for exemption of information contained in the report referred to above and make the following recommendations to the Proper Officer:-

EXEMPTIONS APPLYING TO THE REPORT:

The report contains information relating to a particular individual – paragraph 12 – Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972.

FACTORS IN FAVOUR OF DISCLOSURE:

There is a public interest for the process to be open and transparent when councils consider taxi licences.

PREJUDICE WHICH WOULD RESULT IF THE INFORMATION WERE DISCLOSED:

The report includes sensitive personal information relating to the Licence holder.

MY VIEW ON THE PUBLIC INTEREST TEST IS AS FOLLOWS:

That paragraph 12 should apply. My view on the public interest test is that whilst there is a need to ensure transparency and accountability of a Public Authority for decisions taken in relation to taxi drivers, this must be balanced against the fact that the report contains sensitive personal information about the licence holder which must remain exempt from publication.

On that basis I feel that the public interest in maintaining the exemption does outweigh the public interest in disclosing the information. Members are asked to consider this factor when determining the public interest test, which they must decide when considering whether to exclude the press and public from the meeting when this agenda item is being considered.

RECOMMENDED DECISION ON EXEMPTION FROM DISCLOSURE:

On that basis I feel that the public interest in maintaining the exemption does outweigh the public interest in disclosing the information and that the report should be exempt.

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Date: 5/7/19

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Monitoring	Officer and	Head of	Legal	Services

I accept/do not accept the recommendation made above.

Signed:

Proper Officer

Date: 5/7/ 19



TAXI AND GENERAL SUB COMMITTEE – 18TH JULY 2019

PUBLIC INTEREST TEST – EXEMPTION FROM DISCLOSURE OF DOCUMENTS SCHEDULE 12A LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

SUBJECT: LICENSING OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE DRIVERS

REPORT BY: HEAD OF LEGAL SERVICES AND MONITORING OFFICER

I have considered grounds for exemption of information contained in the report referred to above and make the following recommendations to the Proper Officer:-

EXEMPTIONS APPLYING TO THE REPORT:

Information relating to a particular individual -paragraph 12.

FACTORS IN FAVOUR OF DISCLOSURE:

There is a public interest with regard to disclosing personal information of persons who are granted a taxi licence.

PREJUDICE WHICH WOULD RESULT IF THE INFORMATION WERE DISCLOSED:

The report includes sensitive personal information relating to the applicant.

MY VIEW ON THE PUBLIC INTEREST TEST IS AS FOLLOWS:

That paragraph 12 should apply. My view on the public interest test is that whilst there is a need to ensure transparency and accountability of a Public Authority for decisions taken in relation to taxi drivers, this must be balanced against the fact that some of the information contained in the report relates to sensitive personal information about the applicant.

There is a need to maintain the confidentiality of the sensitive personal information which outweighs the need for the information to be made public.

This information is not affected by any other statutory provision, which requires the information to be publicly registered.

On that basis I feel that the public interest in maintaining the exemption does outweigh the public interest in disclosing the information. Members are asked to consider this factor when determining the public interest test, which they must decide when considering excluding the public from this part of the meeting.

RECOMMENDED DECISION ON EXEMPTION FROM DISCLOSURE:

On that basis I feel that the public interest in maintaining the exemption does outweigh the public interest in disclosing the information and that the information should be exempt.

Signed:

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Date: 5/7/19

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Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer

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