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Date: 22nd July 2021

Dear Sir/Madam,

A digital meeting of the **Taxi and General Sub Committee** will be held via Microsoft Teams on **Thursday, 29th July, 2021 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.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chrissy'.

Christina Harrhy
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

AGENDA

	Pages
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.

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- 3 To receive and consider the following report 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. 1 - 2
- 4 Licensing Of Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Vehicle Drivers. 3 - 8

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TAXI AND GENERAL SUB COMMITTEE – 29TH JULY 2021

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).

FACTORS IN FAVOUR OF DISCLOSURE:

There is a public interest for the process to be open and transparent when councils consider the fitness or suitability of applicants of taxi driver licences.

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 the report contains sensitive personal information about the applicant 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:

Date: 22nd July, 2021

Post: Monitoring Officer and Head of Legal Services

I accept/~~do not accept~~ the recommendation made above.

Signed:

Proper Officer

Date: 22nd July 2021

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