



## TAXI AND GENERAL SUB COMMITTEE – 11TH OCTOBER 2018

### 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 & MONITORING OFFICER**

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I have considered grounds for exemption of information contained in the reports 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 (para 12).

**FACTORS IN FAVOUR OF DISCLOSURE:**

There is a public interest for the process to be open and transparent when councils consider granting applicants 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 some of the information contained in the report is 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 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:

Robert Tranter

Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2018

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Head of Legal Services & Monitoring Officer

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

Signed:

  
Proper Officer

Date:

2/10/18