



## TAXI AND GENERAL SUB COMMITTEE – 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 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: DEPUTY MONITORING OFFICER**

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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 granting applicants taxi 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: 29<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Post:

Deputy Monitoring Officer

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

Signed:

Proper Officer

Date:

30/5/19



## TAXI AND GENERAL SUB COMMITTEE – 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 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 WINDOW TINTING**

**REPORT BY: DEPUTY MONITORING OFFICER**

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

**EXEMPTIONS APPLYING TO THE REPORT:**

The report contains information relating to a particular individual (para 12), and information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) (para 14)

**FACTORS IN FAVOUR OF DISCLOSURE:**

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

**PREJUDICE WHICH WOULD RESULT IF THE INFORMATION WERE DISCLOSED:**

The report includes personal information relating to the applicant, and information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person.

**MY VIEW ON THE PUBLIC INTEREST TEST IS AS FOLLOWS:**


That paragraphs 12, and 14 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 applicant, and information relating to the financial or business affairs of the applicant.

Having regard to the above factors I do not consider there is an overwhelming public interest in requiring the disclosure of the personal data of the applicant or the disclosure of information relating to the financial or business affairs of the applicant.

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 report should be exempt.

Signed: 

Date: 28<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Post: Deputy Monitoring Officer

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

Signed:   
Proper Officer

Date: 29/5/19