



## TAXI AND GENERAL SUB COMMITTEE – 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2019

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

**SUBJECT: LICENSING OF ANIMAL HOME BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS**

**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) and information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual (paragraph 13).

**FACTORS IN FAVOUR OF DISCLOSURE:**

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

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

The report includes personal information relating to the applicant together with information which is likely to reveal the identity of the applicant.

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

That paragraphs 12 and 13 should apply. My view on the public interest test is that whilst there is a need to ensure transparency and accountability of a Council for decisions taken in relation to Animal Boarding licensees, this must be balanced against the fact that the report contains personal information relating to the applicant and information which is likely to reveal the identity of the applicant. Having regard to these factors I consider the need to protect the privacy of the applicant 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 outweighs 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: 12<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Post:

Deputy Monitoring Officer

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I accept/do not accept the recommendation made above.

Signed:

Proper Officer

Date:

12/6/19



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**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**

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 holders of taxi driver licences.

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

The report includes personal information relating to the licence holder which has been provided by another agency.

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

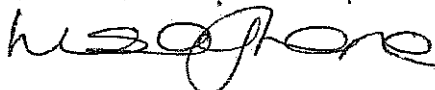
That paragraph 12 should apply. My view on the public interest test is that whilst there is a need to ensure transparency and accountability of a Council for decisions taken in relation to taxi drivers, this must be balanced against the fact that the report contains personal information about the licence holder received in confidence and as such I consider the need to protect the individual's privacy outweighs the need for the information to be made public.

The 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 whether to exclude the press and public from the meeting when this agenda item is being considered.

**RECOMMENDED DECISION ON EXEMPTION FROM DISCLOSURE:**

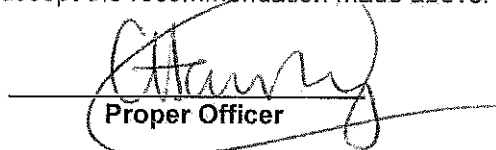
On that basis I feel that the public interest in maintaining the exemption does outweigh the public interest in disclosing the information and that the report should be exempt.

Signed: 

Date: 12<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Post: Deputy Monitoring Officer

I accept/do not accept the recommendation made above.

Signed:   
Proper Officer

Date: 12/6/19.