



TAXI AND GENERAL SUB COMMITTEE – 31ST 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 DEMOCRATIC SERVICES & 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 in 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 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 Local 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 licence holder.

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 press and 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:

Date: 24th July 2019

Post: Head of Democratic Services and Deputy Monitoring Officer

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

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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 applicant.

MY VIEW ON THE PUBLIC INTEREST TEST IS AS FOLLOWS:

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