



## TAXI AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE – 28 APRIL 2026

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

**SUBJECT: REVIEW OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE PROPRIETORS LICENCE**

**REPORT BY: TAYLOR WATTS**

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.

**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 a hackney carriage proprietor licence holder.

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

The report includes sensitive personal information relating to the licensee.

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

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 the licensing of hackney carriage proprietors this must be balanced against the fact that the report contains sensitive personal information about the licence holder and correspondence they have had with the authority 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: 16 April 2026**

**Post: Licensing Officer**

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I accept the recommendation made above.

**Signed:**

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Jane Rodgers, Strategic Director, Social Care, Safeguarding & Health

Date: 16<sup>th</sup> April 2026