

## Briefing Note

### GLA Licence Revocations - Press Release Policy

The GLA's general principles for releasing information to the press are:

1. Where the GLA revokes a licence with immediate effect, a press release is immediately issued.
2. Where the GLA revokes without immediate effect and the labour provider can continue to trade, the GLA will not normally issue a press release until the time for an appeal has elapsed or the appeal has been lost by the labour provider.
3. The exception to (2) is where the justification for the revocation is already in the public domain and it is in the public interest to be open about the GLA decision.
4. Where investigations and operations are carried out the GLA will not name labour providers or labour users.
5. The GLA will not name any labour provider or labour user who are faced with prosecution action.
6. The GLA will not issue a press release where a labour provider has reapplied and been granted a licence before their initial licence was formally revoked.

The GLA Board recently approved an amendment to this policy, yet to be reflected in the above principles so that press releases may be issued:

- a. Where information about the revocation is already in the public domain. In such cases it would be important to clarify matters so that there was no misunderstanding or misinformation.
- b. Where there are exceptional public interest reasons to publicise the decision. As a general guide, this would include revocations that are based on licensing standards score of 120 or more points or in circumstances where the business is no longer trading (for example, if the principal authority is on remand).

#### Information released alongside a revoked licence press release

- List of licensing standards breached (would be superseded by the appeal decision letter if an appeal was heard).
- Name of principle authority of revoked labour provider business.
- Contact details of the labour provider business that is subject to revocation (including business address and business telephone number).
- Sector the labour provider supplied to (e.g. fresh produce, food processing).
- Crop picked or packed (e.g. carrots, potatoes, salads, ready meals, etc.).
- Number of workers involved (if the information is available).
- Nationalities of workers involved (if the information is available).
- Notification of labour users connected to the revocation (if the information is available and has been confirmed).