

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD – 14 AUGUST 2024

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Wednesday 14 August 2024 at 3.00pm

Present: Provost McKenzie, Councillors Brennan, Cassidy, Crowther, Curley, Moran, McCabe (for McCluskey), Nelson (for Wilson), Quinn, Reynolds and Robertson (for Armstrong).

Chair: Councillor Moran presided.

In attendance:

David Keenan	Solicitor (for Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services)
Fiona Denver	Senior Paralegal Officer
Siobhan MacMaster	Solicitor
Diane Sweeney	Senior Committee Officer

In attendance also: Sergeant I Robertson (Police Scotland).

The meeting was held at the Municipal Buildings, Greenock with Councillors Brennan, and Quinn attending remotely.

The following paragraphs are submitted for information only, having been dealt with under the powers delegated to the Board.

347 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

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Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Armstrong, with Councillor Robertson substituting, Councillor McCluskey, with Councillor McCabe substituting, and Councillor Wilson, with Councillor Nelson substituting.

Councillors Crowther, Curley and Robertson declared an interest in Agenda Item 5 (Application for Renewal of a Taxi Driver's Licence).

Prior to the commencement of business, the Board was advised that Councillor Reynolds was experiencing connectivity issues joining remotely. Councillor Reynolds subsequently joined the meeting during consideration of agenda item 3 and the Chair advised that she could not participate in the meeting as she had no microphone.

348 Taxi Fares Review 2024/25

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services advising the Board of the commencement of the statutory review of the Council's Taxi Fare Scale and Charges which includes requesting the views of representatives of the taxi trade.

Decided:

- 1) that the commencement of the Council's statutory review of Taxi Fare Scale and Charges be noted; and
- 2) that it be noted that a report will be submitted to the Board for consideration with a provisional view on such a review following the consultation with representatives of the taxi trade.

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It was agreed in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended that the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

349 Application for Grant of a Taxi Driver’s Licence 349

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Councillors Crowther, Curley and Robertson declared an interest in this item and left the meeting for consideration of this item, all as detailed in the Private Appendix

352 Request for Suspension of Taxi Driver’s Licence 352

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services requesting the Board to consider (1) the immediate suspension of a Taxi Driver’s Licence, and (2) whether to further suspend the licence as the Board may determine, to which the Board decided, after a vote, to (1) uphold the immediate suspension and (2) continue the suspension for the unexpired portion of the licence or until the acquittal of all criminal charges against the applicant and in that event delegated authority be granted to the Legal Services Manager to lift the suspension, all as detailed in the Private Appendix.