

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD – 28 NOVEMBER 2024

General Purposes BoardThursday 28 November 2024 at 10am

Present: Councillors Armstrong, Cassidy, Curley, Jackson, Moran, Quinn, Reynolds and Wilson.

Chair: Councillor Moran presided.

In attendance:

David Keenan	Solicitor (for Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services)
Anne Sinclair	Legal Services Manager (Licensing, Litigation & Committees)
Fiona Denver	Senior Paralegal Officer
Diane Sweeney	Senior Committee Officer

The meeting was held at the Municipal Buildings, Greenock with Councillors Curley, Reynolds and Wilson attending remotely.

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

560 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 560

No apologies for absence or declarations of interest were intimated.

561 Taxi Fares Review 2024/25 561

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services (1) requesting the Board to determine the taxi fare scale and charges following the statutory consultation, and (2) advising the Board that no objections or representations were received by the Council following the statutory consultation process.

Decided: that it be remitted to the Head of legal, Demorcratic, Digital & Customer Services to make the necessary arrangements to implement the new taxi fare scale and charges, all as detailed in appendix 1 to the report, from 1 December 2024.

562 Update on Amendments to Short-Term Let Legislation 562

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services (1) advising of amendments to the Short Term Let Licensing regime introduced by implementation of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Short term Lets) Amendment Order 2024, (2) seeking approval for the necessary revisals to the current Short Term Let Policy Statement in order to comply with the update in legislation, and (3) requesting the Board to consider what further revisals, if any, require to be made to the Short Term Let Policy Statement.

Councillor Wilson intimated his resignation from the General Purposes Board during consideration of this item of business and left the meeting.

Decided:

(1) that the content of the report and the terms of the updated Scottish Government Guidance in relation to the Short Term Let licensing scheme be noted;

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(2) that the amended Short Term Let Policy Statement, as detailed in appendix 1 to the report, be approved and adopted with the commencement date being the date of this meeting, namely 28 November 2024;

(3) that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services to (a) make such further changes as are deemed necessary in order to comply with the 2024 Amendment Order, and (b) thereafter finalise and publish the updated Short Term Let Policy Statement; and

(4) that approval be given to the following additional fees (a) Provisional Licence and confirmation thereof, and (b) Transfer of Short Term Let Licence:

Provisional Licences and confirmation thereof - that the full application fee be split so that 20% is payable on application for a Provisional Licence and 80% is payable at the request of confirmation.

Transfer of Licence – £75.