

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD - 14 MAY 2008

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Wednesday 14 May 2008 at 3 pm

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, Dorrian, Fyfe, Grieve, MacLeod, McCallum and Rebecchi.

Chair: Councillor Ahlfeld presided.

In attendance: Mr H McNeilly (for Head of Legal and Administration).

Apologies: Councillors Brooks and McKenzie.

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

399 Application for Taxi Licence: Jane Cox 399

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Administration advising that Ms Cox had omitted to make timeous application for her licence to be renewed before it expired, that it had been dealt with using the procedure for the exercise of powers delegated to the Chief Executive for use between Committees and that it had been agreed to authorise the grant of a taxi licence to Ms Cox.

Noted

The documentation relative to the following items has been treated as exempt information in terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended the nature of the exempt information being that set out in Paragraph 6 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

400 Request for Suspension of Taxi Driver's Licence: Ian McMillan 400

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Administration on the possible suspension of Mr McMillan's Taxi Driver's Licence on the ground that he is no longer a fit and proper person to hold such a licence by virtue of the conduct described in the report. The Board heard Mr McMillan and Mr Stewart McKenzie, of Safer Communities. Councillor Fyfe entered the meeting during this item.

Decided: that the application be continued until the next meeting of the Board and that it be remitted to Mr McNeilly to make further investigations.

401 Request for Suspension of Taxi Driver's Licence: Alan Brown 401

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Administration on the possible suspension of Mr Brown's Taxi Driver's Licence on the ground that he is no longer a fit and proper person to hold such a licence by virtue of the conduct described in the report.

Decided: that the licence be suspended with immediate effect for the remainder of its term.

402 Application for Licence for House in Multiple Occupation: Pol Stewart 402

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Flat 1/L, 27 Ardgowan Square, Greenock

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Administration on an application for a licence to operate a house in multiple occupation (HMO) by Mr Pol Stewart on receipt of objections. The Board heard Mr Stewart in support of the application and Ms Shannon Mordini and Mrs Audrey Blue in support of the objections.

Decided: that the application be approved in principle for further consideration by the Council as licensing authority subject to the following conditions;

- (1) that the arrears in contributions to the common close fund be paid within 28 days of the date of the meeting;
- (2) that £20 per month is contributed by the applicant to the common close fund;
- (3) that subject to condition 1 being met, door entry system be installed;
- (4) that negotiations with regard to employing a stair cleaner and operating a rota system for taking out bins be entered into with the other owners and that it be ensured that tenants comply with the arrangements agreed; and
- (5) that the position be reviewed in 3 months.

**403 Application for Licence for House in Multiple Occupation: Pol Stewart
Flat 2/L, 9 Robertson Street, Greenock****403**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Administration on an application for a licence to operate a house in multiple occupation (HMO) on receipt of an objection. The Board heard Mr Stewart in support of the application and Mrs N Willis in support of her objection.

Decided: that the application be approved and that Mrs Willis notify the Board if the problem with banging of doors persists.