

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD - 8 OCTOBER 2008

General Purposes BoardWednesday 8 October 2008 at 3.30 pm

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Dorrian, Fyfe, Grieve, McCallum, McIlwee, McKenzie and Moran.

Chair: Councillor Ahlfeld presided.

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

Apologies: Councillor MacLeod.

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

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| 665 | Application for Taxi Licence: Stuart Beaton | 665 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Administration advising that Mr Beaton had omitted to make timeous application for his licence to be renewed before it expired but it had been dealt with using the procedure for the exercise of powers delegated to the Chief Executive for use between Committees and it had been agreed to authorise the grant of a taxi licence to Mr Beaton.</p> <p>Noted</p> | |
| 666 | Taxi Fares Review 2008 | 666 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Administration asking that the Board determine the taxi fare scales and charges following the annual review.</p> <p>Decided: that there be an increase of 30 pence on all initial charges (flag drops) and that it be remitted to the Head of Legal & Administration to implement the new taxi fare scales and charges.</p> | |
| 667 | Age of Vehicles Licensed as Taxis/Private Hire Cars | 667 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Administration to advise Members of the outcome of the consultation process on the age of vehicles licensed as taxi/private hire cars and to request that the Board considers whether it wishes to introduce a policy on the age of vehicles licensed as taxi/private hire cars.</p> <p>Decided: that the report be considered at a meeting of the informal consultation group to be formed following the recent consultation meeting with operators.</p> | |
| 668 | Consultation on Licensing of Knife Dealers | 668 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Administration advising the Board that the Scottish Government is proposing to introduce a new system for the licensing of swords and non domestic knives and requesting the Board to consider the consultation document issued by the Scottish Government.</p> <p>Decided: that it be remitted to the Head of Legal & Administration to submit a response to the consultation on the licensing of knife dealers.</p> | |

669 Consultation for Temporary Public Entertainment Licences**669**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Administration advising the Board of late submission of required certificates in connection with the processing of applications for Temporary Public Entertainment Licences and to request that the Board consider whether it wishes to introduce a strict time limit for the presentation for such certificates.

Decided:

(1) that all applications for Temporary Public Entertainment Licences shall be subject to a requirement that (a) certificates to the effect that all equipment to be used at the event is in a safe condition and will be installed and maintained in such a condition during the period of the licence and (b) evidence of public liability insurance cover in terms satisfactory to the Council shall be produced no later than five working days prior to the commencement date of the event; and

(2) that where the certificates are not produced timeously, then the licence application shall be refused either in whole or in relation to the particular equipment for which the certificates have not been produced.

670 Smoking Health & Social Care (Scotland) Act 2005**670**

The Head of Legal and Administration requested the Board to consider remitting to her to report to the Council with a proposal that a Sub Committee be established to consider Fixed Penalty Notices under the Smoking Health & Social Care (Scotland) Act 2005.

Decided: agreed to remit to the Head of Legal and Administration to report to the Council with a proposal that a Sub Committee be established.