

## GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD - 13 JANUARY 2010

General Purposes BoardWednesday 13 January 2010 at 3 pm

**Present:** Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Dorrian, Fyfe, MacLeod, McCallum, McIlwee, McKenzie and Rebecchi.

**Chair:** Councillor Ahlfeld presided.

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

**Apologies:** Councillors Grieve and Moran.

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

- 32 Application for Taxi Licence: Stewart Beaton 32**
- 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.
- Noted**
- 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 I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.**
- 33 Request for Suspension of Taxi Driver's Licence: Mr Samuel McCullough 33**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Administration on the possible suspension of Mr McCullough's taxi driver's licence on the ground that he was 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 S Lamb of Maitlands.
- Decided:** that the licence be suspended with immediate effect until the next meeting of the Board on 10 February 2010 to allow for receipt of a further medical report.
- 34 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Peter McMonagle 34**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Administration on an application for a taxi driver's licence by Mr Peter McMonagle following receipt of an observation by the Chief Constable. The Board heard Mr McMonagle and Constable Gailey.
- Decided:** that the application be refused.
- 35 Application for Taxi Licence: Brian Stevenson 35**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Administration on an application for a taxi licence by Mr Brian Stevenson. Mr McNeilly advised the Board that the application

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had been withdrawn.

**Decided:** that it be noted that the application had been withdrawn.

**36 Application for Taxi Licence: Mark Brown****36**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Administration on an application for a taxi licence by Mr Mark Brown. Mr Brown had previously applied for a disabled access taxi licence on 4 March 2009 and his application was placed on the agenda for the General Purposes Board on 12 August 2009. Mr Brown's application was refused and his fee was refunded. At its meeting on 11 November 2009 the Board had noted the terms of a report by the Fraser of Allander Institute on the demand for taxis in Inverclyde. That report indicated that there was no significant unmet demand for taxis in Inverclyde. The Board decided that it would have regard to that report in considering applications for taxi licences. Objections to Mr Brown's application had been received from Inverclyde Taxis Ltd and Mr Paul Travers. The Board heard Mr S Lamb of Maitlands in support of the application.

**Decided:** that the application be refused.

**37 Application for Taxi Licence: River Clyde Cabs (8 Applications)****37**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Administration on 8 applications for taxi licences by River Clyde Cabs. At its meeting on 11 November 2009 the Board had noted the terms of a report by the Fraser of Allander Institute on the demand for taxis in Inverclyde. That report indicated that there was no significant unmet demand for taxis in Inverclyde. The Board decided that it would have regard to that report in considering applications for taxi licences. Objections to River Clyde Cabs' application had been received from Inverclyde Taxis Ltd and Mr Paul Travers. Mr McNeilly advised the Board that Mr Travers had withdrawn his objection. The Board heard Mr S Lamb of Maitlands in support of the applications.

**Decided:** that all eight applications be refused.