

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD - 11 AUGUST 2010

General Purposes BoardWednesday 11 August 2010 at 3 pm

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

Chair: Councillor Ahlfeld presided.

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

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

Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

Apologies for absence were intimated to the Board on behalf of Councillors MacLeod and Moran.

There were no declarations of interest intimated to the Board prior to the commencement of the meeting.

413 Taxi Fares Review 2010**413**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services advising of the outcome of the informal consultation process for the annual review of taxi fares namely the proposals submitted by Inverclyde Taxis Ltd, ABC Taxis Inverclyde Ltd and Operators Liaison Group with comments from the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services on those proposals.

The Board heard Mr McNeilly who summarised the contents of the report and the relative correspondence.

Councillor Rebecchi moved that a 3% increase across all tariffs be applied. As an amendment Councillor McCallum moved that a 5% increase across all tariffs be applied. On a vote 2 Members voted for the motion and 5 for the amendment which was declared carried.

Councillor Rebecchi moved that there be no extra charge of £1 per passenger after the first four. As an amendment Councillor Dorrian moved that there be an extra charge of £1 per passenger after the first four. On a vote 2 Members voted for the amendment and 4 for the motion which was declared carried.

Decided: that for the purpose of public consultation the Council's proposals for the review of taxi fares be as follows:-

- (1) a 5% increase across all tariffs to be achieved by a 5% reduction in yardage; and
- (2) on 25 December and 1 January a minimum charge of £5 be introduced.

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.

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- 414 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: John Neil 414**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for renewal of a taxi driver's licence by Mr Neil following receipt of a letter from the Chief Constable intimating that Mr Neil had failed to produce the paper counterpart of his driving licence.
Decided: that the application be refused.
- 415 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Rose Bentley 415**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for renewal of a taxi driver's licence by Ms Bentley following receipt of an observation from the Chief Constable intimating that Ms Bentley had failed to produce the paper counterpart of her driving licence.
 The Board heard Constable Gailey and Ms Bentley.
Decided: that the application be granted.
- 416 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Bernard Kevin Bain 416**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for a taxi driver's licence by Mr Bain following receipt of an objection by the Chief Constable.
 The Board heard Constable Gailey and Mr Bain.
Decided:
- (1) that the application be granted for a period of 6 months;
 - (2) that within one month Mr Bain produce a letter from his own General Practitioner confirming that he is drug-free; and
 - (3) that should the letter not be produced within one month the licence should be revoked.
- 417 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: William McKeeman 417**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for a taxi driver's licence by Mr McKeeman following receipt of an objection by the Chief Constable.
 The Board heard Constable Gailey and Mr McKeeman.
Decided: that the application be granted for a period of 6 months.
- 418 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: David Canney 418**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for a taxi driver's licence by Mr Canney following receipt of an observation by the Chief Constable.
Decided: that the application be refused.
- 419 Application for Street Trader's Licence: James Hagen, Bay Street, Port Glasgow 419**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for renewal of Street Trader's Licence by Mr James Hagen permitting him to operate a snack van to be located in Bay Street, Port Glasgow between the hours of 7 am and 5 pm on Mondays to Sundays following receipt of an objection by the Chief

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Constable and a recommendation from the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services that the licence should continue to be subject to annual review.

Mr McNeilly advised the Board that Mr Hagen was unable to attend.

Decided: that the application be continued to the next meeting of the Board to allow Mr Hagen to be in attendance.