

**GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD - 12 JANUARY 2011**

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**Wednesday 12 January 2011 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 & Democratic Services).

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

**10 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 10**

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

No declarations of interest were intimated.

**11 Fees for Applications for Licences under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 11**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services requesting the Board to increase the fees charged for applications for licences under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 to be phased over a period of two years.

**Decided:** to continue consideration to a further meeting of the Board to allow further detailed information to be provided.

**12 Dress Code for Taxi Drivers 12**

There was submitted a report by Head of Legal & Democratic Services requesting the Board to consider introducing a dress code for taxi drivers. The Board heard Mr J Bradley, Environmental & Commercial Services and Mr Glasgow, Inverclyde Taxis.

**Decided:**

(1) to implement a taxi driver dress code as follows:

Male drivers shirt with collar either open neck or (preferably) with tie, smart trousers, shoes.

Female drivers blouse, smart skirt or trousers, shoes.

The following must not be worn:

Training shoes, baseball caps, tracksuits, denims, t-shirts.

(2) to recommend that taxi operators take appropriate steps to enforce the dress code.

**13 Request for Approval of Peugeot Premier Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle 13**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services asking the Board to consider a request from Inverclyde Taxis for approval of the Peugeot Premier as an authorised wheelchair accessible vehicle. The Board heard Mr J Bradley, Environmental & Commercial Services.

**Decided:** to continue consideration to a further meeting to allow for various public safety

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issues to be addressed.

- 14 Application for Taxi Licence: John McGown 14**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services advising that Mr McGown 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 McGown.
- 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.**
- 15 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Lawrence Ngoma 15**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for a taxi driver's licence by Mr Lawrence Ngoma following receipt of a police representation.
- Decided:** that the application be refused.
- 16 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Christopher Wylie 16**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for a taxi driver's licence by Mr Christopher Wylie following receipt of a police observation. The Board heard Inspector Greer and Mr Wylie.
- Decided:** that the application be granted.  
Councillors McKenzie and Fyfe asked that their dissent at this decision be recorded.
- 17 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Eric MacDonald 17**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for a taxi driver's licence by Mr Eric MacDonald following receipt of an objection by the Chief Constable. The Board heard Inspector Greer and Mr MacDonald.
- Decided:** that the application be refused.
- 18 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: James Davidson 18**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for a taxi driver's licence by Mr James Davidson.
- Decided:** that the application be refused.
- 19 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Thomas McFadyen 19**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for a taxi driver's licence by Mr Thomas McFadyen following receipt of an objection by the Chief Constable. At its meeting on 8 December 2010 the Board decided to continue this application for additional information to be provided. The Board heard Mr

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McFadyen.

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

**20 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Graeme Collins 20**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for a taxi driver's licence by Mr Graeme Collins following receipt of a police observation.

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

**21 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Mark McCafferty 21**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for a taxi driver's licence by Mr Mark McCafferty following receipt of a police observation.

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

**22 Request for Suspension of Taxi Driver's Licence: Alan Stewart 22**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to consider the suspension of Mr Stewart's taxi driver's licence. The Board heard Mr McNeilly who summarised the contents of the report and read a letter lodged by the applicant prior to the meeting.

**Decided:** to suspend Mr Stewart's taxi driver's licence for the remainder of its term.