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Wednesday 9 February 2011 at 3 pm

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

Chair: Councillor Ahlfeld presided.

In attendance: Mr J Douglas (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.

108 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

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

Councillors McCallum and Moran declared an interest in agenda item 3 (Application for Street Trader's Licence: Archibald Wilson, East End of Car Park, Lyle Hill, Greenock)

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.

109 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: John Archdeacon

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for a taxi driver's licence following verbal intimation from the Chief Inspector, Strathclyde Police that he is unable to confirm whether or not Mr Archdeacon is a fit and proper person to hold such a licence due to his failure to produce the paper counterpart of his driving licence. Mr Douglas informed the Board that a copy of Mr Archdeacon's driving licence had been submitted earlier today. The Board heard Chief Inspector Mark Shepherd.

Decided: that delegated powers be given to the Chair following receipt of the report by Strathclyde Police to grant or refuse the licence.

110 Application for Street Trader's Licence: Archibald Wilson, East End of Car Park, Lyle Hill, Greenock

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Councillor Moran declared a non-financial interest in this matter and Councillor McCallum's concerns are indicated in the report. Councillors Moran and McCallum left the meeting.

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for a Street Trader's Licence by Mr Archibald Wilson to operate a moveable stall at the east end of the car park at Lyle Hill, Greenock following receipt of a public objection and concerns raised by Councillor McCallum. Mr Douglas informed the Board that it was not clear from the application form if the applicant is Mr Archibald Wilson

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(Senior) as an individual person or Mr Archibald Wilson (Senior) and Mr Archibald Wilson (Junior) as a partnership. The Board heard Mr Wilson (Junior) and Miss Ann Heaton, objector. Mr Douglas further advised that there were several anomalies with the application and what was being proposed by Mr Wilson (Junior)

Decided: to continue the application to a further meeting to allow Mr Wilson to seek legal advice and amend application form as appropriate.

Councillors Moran and McCallum returned to the meeting following consideration of this item of business.

111 Application for Licence for House in Multiple Occupation: Mark Taylor, Top Flat and Attic, 34 Robertson Street, Greenock

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on a renewal application for a licence for a house in multiple occupation by Mr Mark Taylor for top flat and attic at 34 Robertson Street, Greenock following receipt of objections by Mr Thomas Canning and Mark and Julie Grieve. The Board heard Mr Taylor in support of his application and Mr Canning in support of his objection.

Decided: that the application be refused.

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