

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD - 9 MARCH 2011

General Purposes BoardWednesday 9 March 2011 at 3 pm

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

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.

192 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 192

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Grieve, MacLeod and McKenzie.

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

193 Fees for Applications for Licences under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 193

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services requesting that the Board consider increasing the fees charged for applications for licences under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 by 60% to be introduced over a maximum period of two years.

At its meeting on 12 January 2011 the Board had decided to continue consideration of the item to allow further detailed information to be provided.

Decided:

- (1) that applications for licences under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 be increased by 60%;
- (2) that the increase be introduced over a maximum period of two years; and
- (3) that fees pertaining to taxi/private hire booking office licences be excluded from the increase.

194 Taxi Trade Request to Revise Multi Access Vehicle Specification 194

There was submitted a report by the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services providing information and guidance on the Taxi Trade's request to allow the Peugeot Premier (supplied by Allied Vehicles, Glasgow) and vehicles of its generic type to be licensed as Multi Access Public Hire Taxis.

At its meeting on 12 January 2011 the Board had decided to continue consideration of the item to allow for various public safety issues to be addressed.

Decided: that the vehicle specification guidelines be revised to allow MAVs of the generic design illustrated by the Peugeot Premier to be permitted to be licensed on non-MAV restricted Public Hire Licences if the vehicles have M1 European Community Whole Vehicle Type Approval.

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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.

- 195 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Martin Burke 195**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for a taxi driver's licence by Mr Martin Burke following receipt of a police representation. The Board heard Chief Inspector Shepherd and Mr Burke.
Decided: that the application be granted.
- 196 Application for Street Trader's Licence: Derek Brady, Charles Place Underpass, Greenock 196**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for a street trader's licence by Mr Derek Brady to allow him to sell fresh fruit and vegetables from a stall located at Charles Place Underpass, Greenock between the hours of 9 am and 5 pm on Mondays to Saturdays. No objection to the application has been received but as Mr Brady had failed to produce the necessary photographs no licence was issued.
Decided: that the application be refused.
- 197 Application for Renewal of Taxi Licences: Clyde Cabs 197**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services requesting that the Board consider applications by Clyde Cabs for renewal of the five taxi licences in the name of Clyde Cabs for vehicles specially adapted for the disabled. At its meeting on 11 November 2010 the Board granted applications by Clyde Cabs for renewal of the five taxi licences held in the name of Clyde Cabs for vehicles specially adapted for the disabled subject to various conditions for 3 months:
 The Board heard Mr Sweeney.
Decided:
- (1) that four of the applications by Clyde Cabs for renewal of the five taxi licences for vehicles specially adapted for the disabled held in the name of Clyde Cabs be granted; and
 - (2) that consideration of the application for renewal of the fifth licence be continued to the meeting of the Board to be held on 11 May 2011 to allow Mr Sweeney to put the vehicle into operation.