

**GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD – 10 AUGUST 2011**

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**Wednesday 10 August 2011 at 3 pm**

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

**Chair:** Councillor White presided.

**In attendance:** Mr J Douglas (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services), Chief Inspector Shepherd (Strathclyde Police).

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

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

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An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Grieve. Councillor Moran declared an interest in agenda item 8 (Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: James Strachan).

The Chair requested the Board to consider an additional item (Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: David McLachlan) and the Board agreed.

**454 Taxi Fares Review 2011**

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services advising on the outcome of the annual review of taxi fares, namely the proposals submitted by Inverclyde Taxis Ltd and ABC Taxis Inverclyde Ltd with comments from the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services on those proposals. The Board heard Mr Douglas who summarised the contents of the report and the relative correspondence. The Board heard Mr Glasgow, Inverclyde Taxis Ltd and Mr Bradley, Environmental & Commercial Services. After discussion the Chair moved to adopt Environmental & Commercial Services' proposals as outlined in appendix 4. As an amendment Councillor Ahlfeld moved that at tariff 4 the 26<sup>th</sup> December and 2<sup>nd</sup> January be removed and entered back into tariff 3 as existing tariff. On a vote 1 Member voted for the motion and 8 for the amendment which was declared carried. Councillor Rebecchi moved that the £1 per passenger after first four passengers apply to multi-access vehicles only. As an amendment Councillor Moran moved that the £1 per passenger after first four passengers apply to all vehicles. On a vote 2 Members voted for the motion and 7 for the amendment 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 4.2% increase on tariff 1, 2 and 3 to be achieved by a reduction in yardage;
- (2) 26<sup>th</sup> December and 2<sup>nd</sup> January be removed from tariff 4 and revert back to tariff 3 as existing; and
- (3) £1 per passenger after first four passengers 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**

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likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 6 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

**455 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Scott Cairns 455**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for a taxi driver's licence by Mr Cairns following receipt of a police objection. Mr Cairns was not present or represented.

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

**456 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Anthony Fabiani 456**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for a taxi driver's licence by Mr Fabiani following receipt of a police objection. Mr Fabiani was present. The Board heard Mr Fabiani in support of the application and Chief Inspector Shepherd in support of their objection.

**Decided:** that the application be continued to a further meeting of the Board.

**457 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Patrick Donnachie 457**

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 Donnachie following receipt of a police representation. Mr Donnachie was not present or represented.

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

**458 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Peter Armour 458**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for a taxi driver's licence by Mr Armour following receipt of a police representation. Mr Armour was present. The Board heard Mr Armour in support of his application and Chief Inspector Shepherd in support of their representation. The Board considered a letter received from Mr Armour's GP.

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

**459 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Robert O'Neill 459**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for a taxi driver's licence by Mr O'Neill following receipt of a police objection. Mr O'Neill was present. Mr Douglas intimated that Mr O'Neill's solicitor's secretary had contacted the licensing office requesting that Mr O'Neill's application be continued to a further meeting of the Board as his solicitor had been called to an urgent matter and would be unable to attend. Mr O'Neill wished his application to be considered today and to proceed without his solicitor present. The Board heard Mr O'Neill in support of his application and Chief Inspector Shepherd in support of their objection.

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

**460 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: James Strachan 460**

Councillor Moran declared a non-financial interest in this item as the person was known to him which precluded his continued presence in the Chambers and his participation in the decision making process. He then left the meeting.

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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 by Mr Strachan following receipt of a police representation. Mr Strachan was present. The Board heard Mr Strachan in support of his application and Chief Inspector Shepherd in support of their representation.

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

Councillor Moran returned to the meeting following consideration of this item.

**461 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Alastair Francis 461**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for a taxi driver's licence by Mr Francis following receipt of a police objection. Mr Francis was not present.

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

**462 Request for Suspension of Taxi Driver's Licence: Graham Rollo 462**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to consider the suspension of the taxi driver's licence granted to Mr Rollo which expired on 31 July 2011. Mr Rollo was not present.

**Noted**

**463 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: David McLachlan 463**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for a taxi driver's licence by Mr McLachlan following receipt of a police representation. Mr McLachlan was present with Mr Colin McConaghy, employer. The Board heard Mr McLachlan and Mr McConaghy in support of the application and Chief Inspector Shepherd in support of their representation.

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