

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD – 8 FEBRUARY 2012

General Purposes Board**Wednesday 8 February 2012 at 3.00 pm**

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Dorrian, Fyfe, Grieve, MacLeod, McCallum, McIllwee, Moran, Rebecchi and White.

Chair: Councillor White presided.

In attendance: Mr F Jarvie (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services) and Sergeant McDonald, Strathclyde Police.

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

112 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 112

No apologies or substitutions were intimated.

Councillor McIllwee and Moran declared an interest in Agenda Item 6 (Request for Suspension of Taxi Driver's Licence: James Compston). Councillor McIllwee's declaration as neighbour of the applicant and Councillor Moran by way of personal acquaintance with the applicant.

113 Licensing of Booking Offices 113

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services requesting the Board to consider an additional condition to the Booking Office Licences in that the Booking Office and call handling facilities must be placed and operated within Inverclyde Council boundaries.

There followed a brief discussion.

Decided: to remit to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to consult with the local trade and other relevant local authorities and report back to a future meeting.

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.

114 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Gordon McDaid 114

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for renewal of Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr McDaid following an objection by Strathclyde Police. At their Meeting on 11 January 2012, the Board requested further information from outside agencies before making a decision on Mr McDaid's application.

Mr McDaid was present. The Board heard from Sergeant MacDonald in support of the

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Police objection and Mr McDaid in support of his application.

Decided: that the application be granted with warning.

115 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Robert McIntyre 115

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr McIntyre following a representation by Strathclyde Police.

Mr Jarvie advised the Board that Mr McIntyre had requested by telephone call that consideration of his application be continued to a further meeting of the Board as he is unable to attend today.

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

116 Application for Street Trader's Licence: Daniel Rodgers 116

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services on an application for a Street Trader's Licence by Mr Rodgers following a Police representation. Mr Rodgers was present.

The Board heard Sergeant MacDonald in support of the Police representation and Mr Rodgers in support of his application.

Decided: (i) that the application be continued to the April sitting of the Board to await outcome of pending cases; and
(ii) Mr Rodgers be advised that he may drive the vehicle but he is not licensed to sell any items.

Councillor McIlwee and Moran declared a non-financial interest in the next item which precluded their continued presence in the Chamber and their participation in the decision making process. They then left the meeting.

117 Request for Suspension of Taxi Driver's Licence: James Compston 117

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services requesting to uphold the decision to suspend Mr Compston's Taxi Driver's Licence which expires on 29 February 2012. Mr Compston's licence was suspended with immediate effect on 31 January 2012 following receipt of a letter of complaint by Strathclyde Police.

Mr Jarvie advised the Board of the contents of a letter received from Mr Compston.

Decided: the suspension be upheld and noted terms of letter.