

**GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD – 12 SEPTEMBER 2012**

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**Wednesday 12 September 2012 at 3.00 pm**

**Present:** Councillors Brennan, Campbell-Sturgess, Dorrian, Jones, Loughran, McColgan, McEleny and Rebecchi.

**Chair:** Councillor Dorrian presided.

**In attendance:** Mr F Jarvie (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services), Inspector Thomson, Strathclyde Police, and Jim Bradley (for Head of Environmental and Commercial Services).

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

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**Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest**

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Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Ahlfeld, Grieve and McIllwee.

No substitutions or declarations of interest were intimated.

Councillor Campbell-Sturgess intimated he will require to leave the meeting at 4.00 p.m.

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**Taxi Fares Review 2012**

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services on the outcome of the annual review of taxi fare scales for the purposes of public advertisement as the first formal stage of the statutory process.

The Board considered the proposals submitted by Inverclyde Taxis Ltd on behalf of the trade and comments by the Head of Environmental and Commercial Services on their proposals.

The Board heard Mr Glasgow, Inverclyde Taxis Ltd and Mr McVey, multi taxi operator in support of Inverclyde Taxis Ltd, ABC Taxis and OLG proposals.

The Board heard Mr Bradley on various aspects including technicalities of structuring the fare scales and how taxi meters are calibrated.

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After a full discussion Councillor Dorrian moved to proceed with Illustration 1 with the 26 December removed from Tarrif 3 and inserted in Tarrif 4. As an amendment Councillor Rebecchi moved no change to Illustration 1 and 26 December remain in Tarrif 3. Councillor Jones seconded the amendment. On a vote 2 Members voted for the amendment and 5 Members for the motion which was declared carried.

**Decided:** for the purposes of public consultation the Council's proposals for the review of taxi fare scales and charges be as follows:-

- (a) a 3% to 4.5% increase be implemented across all 4 Tariffs to be achieved by a reduction in yardage, as per Environmental & Commercial Services Illustration 1 of Appendix 1; and
- (b) 26 December be removed from Tarrif 3 and inserted in Tarrif 4.

Councillor Loughran arrived at the meeting following this item.

**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.**

**511 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Craig Laughlin**

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

Mr Laughlin was not present or represented.

Mr Jarvie advised the Board this item was continued from the previous meeting held on 8 August 2012 to allow Mr Laughlin to submit documentation in support of his application.

The Board heard Inspector Thomson in support of the Police representation.

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

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- 512**      **Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: James McAulay**      **512**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for grant of a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr McAulay following an objection by Strathclyde Police.
- Mr McAulay was present with his representative Mr Graham Ballantyne.
- The Board heard Inspector Thomson in support of the Police objection and Mr McAulay and Mr Ballantyne in support of the application.
- Decided:** that the application be refused.
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- 513**      **Application for Street Trader's Licence: Remo Romolo Serapiglia**      **513**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for grant of a Street Trader's Licence by Mr Serapiglia following a representation by Strathclyde Police. Mr Serapiglia has applied to operate a mobile ice-cream van throughout Port Glasgow, Greenock and Gourock on Mondays to Sundays between the hours of 11.00 a.m. and 10.00 p.m.
- Mr Serapiglia was present.
- The Board heard Inspector Thomson in support of the Police representation and Mr Serapiglia in support of his application.
- Decided:** that the application be granted.
- Councillor Campbell-Sturgess left the meeting following this item.
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- 514**      **Application for Second Hand Dealer's Licence: Mohammed Said Amin**      **514**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services on an application for grant of a Second Hand Dealer's Licence by Mr Amin following a Police objection.
- Mr Amin was present.
- The Board heard Inspector Thomson in support of the Police objection and Mr Amin in support of his application.
- Decided:** that the application be refused.