

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD – 10 OCTOBER 2012

intimated that Mr Cameron has been referred by the Procurator Fiscal to participate in the Driver Improvement Scheme. The Board heard Mr Cameron in support of his application and confirmed that he will attend the Driver Improvement Course as required.

Decided: that the application be granted on the understanding that Mr Cameron is expected to comply with the legal requirements to attend the training course.

582 Request for Suspension of Taxi Driver's Licence: William Smiley

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services requesting the Board to uphold the decision to suspend Mr Smiley's Taxi Driver's Licence on 7 September 2012 following an adverse medical report.

Mr Smiley was present with his representative Mr Aidan Gallagher, Solicitor.

Decided:

- (1) that the suspension be upheld;
- (2) the suspension be continued until Mr Smiley's renewal application is determined by the Board.

583 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: William Smiley

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for renewal of Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr Smiley following an adverse medical report.

Mr Smiley was present with his representative Mr Aidan Gallagher, Solicitor.

The Board heard Mr Gallagher and Mr Smiley in support of the application. The Board considered letters dated 5 September and 20 September 2012 from Dr Sykes.

During discussion Mr Gallagher intimated that Mr Smiley's health had improved and requested the Board to consider a further medical examination to be undertaken by Dr Sykes for an updated position.

Decided:

- (1) that Mr Smiley attend a further medical examination;
- (2) that the application be continued to the next meeting of the Board to be held on 14 November 2012.

584 Request for Suspension of Taxi Driver's Licence: James Pearson

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services requesting to consider suspension of Mr Pearson's Taxi Driver's Licence following a representation by the Environment & Enforcement Officer on a number of smoking offences in terms of the Smoking Health & Social Care (Scotland) Act 2005.

Mr Pearson was present.

The Board gave full consideration to the report before them and heard Mr Pearson in support of his licence.

Decided: that Mr Pearson be given a warning regarding any further breaches of this Act.

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585 Application for Taxi Operator's Licence (x 3): Inverclyde Taxis Limited**585**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on 3 applications for General Hire Taxi Operator Licences for wheelchair accessible vehicles by Inverclyde Taxis Limited following a public objection.

Mr Henry Glasgow, Inverclyde Taxis Limited and his representative Mr Tom McEntegart were present. The public objector Mr Patrick Sweeney was also present.

The Board heard Mr Sweeney in support of his objection and Mr Glasgow and Mr McEntegart in support of the applications.

After a full and concise discussion on all the matters placed before them there followed a vote for the grant of the three applications, 8 Members voted in favour and 1 abstained.

Decided: that the 3 applications be granted.

Note: Councillor Rebecchi left the meeting during private deliberation of the above item and did not take part in the vote.