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Wednesday 13 March 2013 at 3.00 pm

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, Brennan, Campbell-Sturgess, Dorrian, Grieve, Jones, Loughran, McColgan, McIlwee and Shepherd.

Chair: Councillor Dorrian presided.

In attendance: Mr F Jarvie (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services), Sergeant Alistair MacKinnon and Ms Anderson, Administration Assistant, Strathclyde Police.

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

208 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors McEleny and Rebecchi with Councillor Shepherd substituting for Councillor Rebecchi.

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

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.

209 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Kevin Cann

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

Mr Cann was not present or represented.

The Board heard Sergeant MacKinnon in support of the Police objection. **Decided:** that the application be refused.

210 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Michael Sweeney

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on the renewal of a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr Sweeney following a Police representation.

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Mr Jarvie advised the Board that Mr Sweeney had contacted the Licensing Section to intimate that he will be unable to attend the meeting today and requested the Board to consider continuation of the application to allow the applicant to be in attendance with his Solicitor.

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

211 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Graeme Brabson

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

Mr Brabson was present with his Solicitor Mr McGowan, MSM Solicitors.

The Board heard Sergeant MacKinnon in support of the Police representation and Mr McGowan in support of the applicant.

Decided:

- (a) that Mr Brabson provide further information to the Board; and
- (b) to continue the application to the next meeting of the Board.

212 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Christopher Wylie

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on the renewal of a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr Wylie following a Police representation.

Mr Wylie was present.

Before consideration of this item Sergeant MacKinnon advised that some matters in the Police representation had been concluded and therefore withdrew the representation letter dated 11 February 2013 by the Chief Superintendent. **Decided:** that the application be granted.

213 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: James McCleary

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on the grant of a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr McCleary following a Police objection.

Mr McCleary was present.

The Board heard Sergeant MacKinnon in support of the Police objection.

The Board heard Mr McCleary in support of his application and submitted a letter of reference from Working Links. Mr McCleary lodged a letter to the Licensing Section on 1 March 2013 which was circulated to Members. **Decided:** that the application be granted.

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214 Request for Suspension of Taxi Driver's Licence: James Mahon

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services requesting the Board to consider upholding the immediate suspension of the Taxi Driver's Licence granted to Mr Mahon.

Mr Mahon was present.

Mr Jarvie advised the Board that Mr Mahon's Taxi Driver's Licence had been immediately suspended with effect from 8 February 2013 following receipt of a letter from Strathclyde Police.

Decided: to uphold the immediate suspension.

215 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: James Mahon

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 Mahon following a Police objection.

Mr Mahon was present.

The Board heard Sergeant MacKinnon in support of the Police objection and Mr Mahon in support of his application. Mr Mahon submitted documentation from his Solicitor for information to the Board. The documentation was copied and circulated to Members. **Decided:** that the application be refused.

216 Request for Suspension of Taxi Driver's Licence: Joseph Cunningham

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services requesting the Board to consider upholding the immediate suspension of the Taxi Driver's Licence granted to Mr Cunningham.

Mr Cunningham was present.

Mr Jarvie advised the Board that Mr Cunningham's Taxi Driver's Licence had been immediately suspended with effect from 6 February 2013 following information received from Strathclyde Police.

Decided: to uphold the immediate suspension.

217 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Joseph Cunningham

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for the renewal of a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr Cunningham following a Police objection and request for medical examination. Mr Jarvie advised that the medical report has not yet been received and requested the Board to consider continuation of this item.

The Board heard Mr Cunningham who confirmed that continuation would be acceptable. **Decided:** that the application be continued to the next meeting of the Board.

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218 Application for Late Hours Catering Licence: Mr Mumtaz Khan Premises: Tasty Spot, 33 Nicolson Street, Greenock

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for grant of Late Hours Catering Licence for the premises at Tasty Spot, 33 Nicolson Street, Greenock following a Police representation.

Mr Khan was present with his agent Mr Shahid Pervez, Cathcart Consultancy Services.

The Board heard Sergeant MacKinnon in support of the Police representation and Mr Pervez in support of the applicant. Documentation submitted to the Licensing Section on 8 March 2013 from Cathcart Consultancy Services was circulated to the Board. **Decided:** that the application be granted.

219 Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 Annual Inflation Application Fee Increase

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on the annual inflation increase on application fees under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

Mr Jarvie advised the Board that the report is for information to Members on the annual increase in fees to commence 1 April 2013. **Decided:** Noted

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