

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD - 10 APRIL 2013

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Wednesday 10 April 2013 at 3.00pm

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

Chair: Councillor Dorrian presided.

In attendance: Mr F Jarvie (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services), Inspector I Wood, Inspector S Adams and Sergeant A MacKinnon, Police Scotland.

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

250 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 250

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Ahlfeld and McEleny with Councillor Brooks substituting for Councillor McEleny.

Councillor Rebecchi declared an interest in Agenda Item 9 (Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Thomas Gourlay and Agenda Item 12 (Application for Private Hire Operator Licence: Robert Burns).

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.

251 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Michael Sweeney 251

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.

Mr Sweeney was not present or represented.

Mr Jarvie advised the Board that correspondence had been received from Mr Sweeney and his Solicitor with regard to a pending case which may be assigned for the end of May and as such requested the Board to consider continuation of this item to the June Meeting.

Decided: the application be continued to the meeting of the Board to be held in June 2013.

252 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Graeme Brabson 252

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.

Mr Brabson was present.

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Mr Jarvie advised the Board that this item had been continued from the previous meeting in order for Mr Brabson to provide additional information in support of his application. Documentation received from MSM Solicitors dated 5 April 2013 was circulated to Members.

The Board heard Inspector Wood in support of the Police representation and Mr Brabson in support of his application.

Decided: the application be granted.

253 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Joseph Cunningham 253

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

Mr Cunningham was present.

Mr Jarvie advised the Board on the background of the application and that Mr Cunningham was requested to attend a medical examination. A letter received from Dr Blyth dated 28 March 2013 was circulated to Members.

The Board heard Inspector Wood in support of the Police objection and Mr Cunningham in support of his application.

Decided: the application be continued to the next meeting of the Board for finalised medical report.

254 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Joseph Eardley 254

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 Eardley following a Police objection.

Mr Eardley was not present or represented.

The Board heard Inspector Wood in support of the Police objection.

Decided: the application be refused.

255 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Henry McLucas 255

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

Mr Jarvie advised the Board that Mr McLucas requested by letter dated 8 April 2013 that his application be continued to the next meeting of the Board as he is on holiday at present.

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

256 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Jane Tynan 256

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 Ms Tynan following a Police representation.

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Ms Tynan was not present or represented.

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

Decided: the application be granted.

257 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Henry Paton

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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 Paton following a Police representation.

Mr Paton was not present or represented.

Mr Jarvie advised the Board on the background of the application and intimated that Mr Paton had submitted a letter received on 26 March 2013 in support of his application. The letter was circulated to Members.

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

Decided: (i) a medical examination be undertaken; and
(ii) the application be continued to the next meeting of the Board.

Inspector Adams arrived at the meeting during the above item.

Councillor Rebecchi declared a non-financial interest in the following item as he is known to the applicant which precluded his continued presence in the Chamber and his participation in the decision making process. He then left the meeting.

258 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Thomas Gourlay

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

Mr Gourlay was present.

Mr Jarvie advised the Board on the background of the application and the current medical information.

The Board heard Inspector Wood in support of the Police representation and Mr Gourlay in support of his application.

Decided: the application be granted.

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

259 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Prinnsias Tomas McGhee

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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 McGhee following a Police objection.

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Mr McGhee was present.

The Board heard Inspector Wood in support of the Police objection and Mr McGhee in support of his application.

Decided: the application be granted.

260 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: James Elliot

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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 Elliot following a Police representation.

Mr Elliot was present.

The Board heard Inspector Wood in support of the Police representation and Mr Elliot in support of his application.

Decided: the application be granted.

Councillor Rebecchi left the meeting after consideration of this item due to prior engagement.

261 Application for Private Hire Operator Licence: Robert Burns

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on the renewal of a Private Hire Operator Licence No. 108 by Mr Burns following a Police representation.

Mr Burns was present.

Mr Jarvie advised the Board on the background of the application and intimated that Mr Burns had submitted a letter dated 6 March 2013 in support of his application. The letter was circulated to Members.

The Board heard Inspector Wood in support of the Police representation and Mr Burns in support of his application.

Decided: the application be granted.

262 Request for Suspension of Taxi Driver's Licence: Alan Robertson

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services requesting the Board to consider the suspension of Mr Robertson's Taxi Driver's Licence which expires on 31 October 2013.

Mr Robertson was present.

Mr Jarvie advised the Board that following receipt of a letter dated 12 March 2013 from Strathclyde Police Mr Robertson's Taxi Driver's Licence had been immediately suspended on 13 March 2013 and requested the Board to uphold the decision of suspension and to consider whether or not the suspension is continued. Mr Jarvie also intimated that a medical report has been received from Dr Blyth dated 26 March 2013 and Mr Robertson submitted a letter on 3 April 2013 in support of his licence. The documentation was circulated to Members.

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The Board heard Inspector Wood in support of the Police recommendations and Mr Robertson in support of his licence.

Decided: (i) to uphold the immediate suspension; and
(ii) the application be continued to the next meeting of the Board for finalised medical report.

263 Application for Market Operator's Licence: Continental Market Ltd, West Blackhall Street, Greenock 263

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on the grant of a Market Operator's Licence by Continental Market Ltd to hold a market in West Blackhall Street, Greenock between the hours of 9am and 7pm on the following dates:

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1 - 5 May, 17-21 July, 25-29 September and 11-15 December.

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12-16 March, 18-22 June, 17-21 September and 10-14 December.

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4-8 March, 17-21 June, 16-20 September and 2-6 December.

Mr Jarvie advised the Board that Continental Market Ltd requested by e-mail dated 8 April 2013 that their application be continued to the next meeting of the Board as they are not in the country at present.

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