

Municipal Buildings, Greenock PA15 1LY

Ref: FD/LC

Date: 3 May 2013

I refer to the Agenda for the meeting of the General Purposes Board to be held on Wednesday 8 May 2013 at 3 pm and now enclose a further item for consideration as undernoted.

ELAINE PATERSON
Head of Legal & Democratic Services

Undernote

- 1.1 **Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982**
Provision of Taxi Ranks
Taxi Stance at Scarlow Street, Port Glasgow
Report by Head of Legal and Democratic Services

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Report To: GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD

Date: 8 MAY 2013

Report By: HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

Report No: LA/1021/13

Contact Officer: FRASER JARVIE

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**Subject: CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982
PROVISION OF TAXI RANKS**

TAXI STANCE AT SCARLOW STREET, PORT GLASGOW

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report seeks the Board's agreement to revoke the existing designation of a taxi stance at Scarlow Street, Port Glasgow.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 Included in the Council's list of designated taxi stances is a stance for 7 cabs on Scarlow Street, Port Glasgow.

- 2.2 As part of the introduction of Decriminalised Parking Enforcement the Head of Environmental and Commercial Services is currently preparing new Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) for all waiting restrictions in Inverclyde. Taxi stances will be included within these TROs to allow them to be managed and enforced if they are misused by taxis or other vehicles.

- 2.3 It was noted by the Head of Environmental and Commercial Services that the Scarlow Street stance has not been used by taxis for a number of years and is currently used by the general public. It is proposed that, if permission is given to remove the rank, that a loading bay is created and a 30 minute waiting with no return within 30 minutes parking area created. This would apply Monday to Saturday from 8am to 6pm. The creation of this parking area would form a separate report presented to the Environmental and Regeneration Committee and then to the full Council.

- 2.4 Section 19 of the Civic Government (Scotland) act 1982 requires the Licensing Authority to consult with persons or organisations as representative of the taxi operators within their area and this consultation has been carried out with one response which is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

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- 2.5 Accordingly it is in order for the Council as Licensing Authority to proceed with these proposals.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That the Board consider the request submitted by the Head of Environmental and Commercial Services to revoke the appointment of the existing stance for seven cabs at Scarlow Street, Port Glasgow with effect from 5 June 2013.

Fraser Jarvie, Legal & Democratic Services

Christine Marshall

From: Christine Marshall
Sent: 19 April 2013 15:41
To: 'Paul Travers'
Subject: RE: Proposed Removal of Taxi Stance

Good afternoon

Thank you for your email in respect of the above.

I have been advised by my client that you may be confusing the taxi rank at Scarlow Street with the rank at Station Road. My client advises me that the Scarlow Street rank would not serve the rail station or late night requirements as it is a distance from the rail station and is located between a social work office and the job centre.

Can you advise me if you are indeed confusing the two ranks, and, if so, can you confirm that you are in agreement with the removal of the taxi stance at Scarlow Street.

Kind regards

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From: Paul Travers [<mailto:jinty1967@hotmail.com>]
Sent: 12 April 2013 19:59
To: Christine Marshall
Subject: Proposed Removal of Taxi Stance

I have been driving taxis for many years and I have never known the taxi rank at Scarlow St, Port Glasgow to be unused or even not sufficiently used. This is a well used rank and always has been, It also serves the towns main railway station and most of the towns pubs and late night food shops. The closure of this rank would be detrimental to the areas taxi trade.

It is in my opinion that Inverclyde council should be providing more rank spaces rather than decreasing the amount that is already available to the taxi trade.

You have stated in your invitation letter to respond that it had been noted that this rank/stance was not being used, who noted this and over what period of time did you draw to the conclusion that it wasn't being used. Has anyone in the taxi trade asked for this stance to be removed or have members of the public asked for it to be removed.

Regards
Paul Travers
Taxi Operator