GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD - 8 MAY 2013

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Wednesday 8 May 2013 at 3.00pm

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, 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) and Inspector S Adams, Police Scotland.

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

369 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

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There were no apologies or substitutions intimated.

Councillor Rebecchi declared an interest in Agenda Item 3 (Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Henry McLucas).

370 Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 Provision of Taxi Ranks Taxi Stance at Scarlow Street, Port Glasgow

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services asking the Board to consider the request submitted by the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services to revoke the appointment of the existing stance for 7 cabs at Scarlow Street, Port Glasgow with effect from 5 June 2013.

Mr Jarvie advised the Board the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services is currently preparing new Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO's) for all waiting restrictions in Inverclyde as part of the introduction of Decriminalised Parking Enforcement which includes taxi stances. There followed a brief discussion on the terms of the report.

Decided: agreed to revoke the taxi stance at Scarlow Street, Port Glasgow with effect from 5 June 2013.

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.

371 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Joseph Cunningham

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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 Cunningham following a Police objection and medical examination.

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Mr Cunningham was present.

Mr Jarvie advised the Board on the background of the application and the updated position of the medical report.

The Board heard Inspector Adams 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 further information to be provided.

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.

372 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Henry McLucas

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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 McLucas following a Police representation.

Mr McLucas was present.

The Board heard Inspector Adams in support of the Police representation and Mr McLucas in support of his application.

Decided: the application be granted.

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

373 Consideration 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 Taxi Driver's Licence granted to Mr Robertson following the suspension of his licence on 13 March 2013.

Mr Jarvie advised the Board on the background of the report and confirmed receipt of the medical report from Dr Blyth. The letter dated 25 April 2013 from Dr Blyth and Partners was circulated to Members.

The Board heard Inspector Adams in support of the initial suspension and Mr Robertson in support of his licence.

Decided: consideration of the licence be continued to the next meeting of the Board for further information to be provided.

374 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 the grant of a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr Paton following a Police representation and medical examination.

Mr Paton was present.

Mr Jarvie advised the Board on the background of the application and the results of the medical examination.

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The Board heard Inspector Adams in support of the Police representation and Mr Paton in support of his application.

Decided: the application be granted.

375 Application for Market Operator's Licence Continental Market Limited, West Blackhall Street, Greenock

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

2013

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 Ali Yaich, Manager was present.

Mr Jarvie advised the Board on the background of the application and the consultation responses received.

The Board heard Mr Yaich in support of his application.

Decided: the application be granted.