

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD - 11 JULY 2013

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Thursday 11 July 2013 at 10am

Present: Councillors Brennan, Campbell-Sturgess, Dorrian, Loughran, Rebecchi and Shepherd.

Chair: Councillor Dorrian presided.

In attendance: Mr J Douglas (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services) and Inspector I Wood, Police Scotland.

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

The Chair adjourned the meeting to 10.20am to await the arrival of Councillor Shepherd in order for the meeting to be quorate.

446 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

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Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Ahlfeld, Grieve, Jones, McColgan, Brooks and McIlwee with Councillor Shepherd substituting for Councillor Grieve.

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.

447 Request for Suspension of Taxi Driver's Licence: John Barr

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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 Barr and to consider if a further suspension is necessary.

Mr Barr was present.

Mr Douglas advised the Board that following receipt of a letter dated 5 June 2013 from Police Scotland, Mr Barr's licence had been immediately suspended on 7 June 2013 and requested the Board to uphold the decision of the suspension and to consider whether or not the suspension is continued.

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

Decided:

- (1) to uphold the immediate suspension; and
- (2) Mr Barr's licence be suspended for the unexpired portion to 31 January 2014.

448 Request for Suspension of Taxi Driver's Licence: Louise McGrath

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services requesting the Board to consider the suspension of Ms McGrath's Taxi Driver's Licence which expires on 30 November 2013.

Ms McGrath was present with her representative Mr Harvey, Blair & Bryden.

Mr Douglas advised the Board that following receipt of a letter dated 20 June 2013 from Police Scotland, Ms McGrath's taxi driver's licence had been immediately suspended on 24 June 2013 and following receipt of a letter dated 26 June 2013 from Blair & Bryden, Solicitors the suspension was lifted on 28 June 2013. Mr Douglas requested the Board to uphold this decision and consider if any further action is required.

The Board heard Inspector Wood in support of the Police recommendations and Mr Harvey in support of Ms McGrath's position.

Decided:

- (1) to uphold the immediate suspension on 24 June 2013;
- (2) uphold the decision to remove the suspension on 28 June 2013; and
- (3) that no further action be taken.