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Wednesday 14 August 2013 at 3.00 pm

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

Chair: Councillor Dorrian presided.

In attendance: Mr J Douglas (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services), Sergeant S Espie, Police Scotland.

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

472 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

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There were no apologies, substitutions or declarations intimated.

473 Taxi Fares Review 2013

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on the annual review of taxi fare scales for the purposes of public advertisement as the first formal stage of the statutory process.

Mr Glasgow was present representing Inverclyde Taxis Limited, ABC Taxis (Inverclyde) Limited and Operators Liaison Group. Mr Bradley was in attendance on behalf of the Head of Environmental and Commercial Services.

The Board heard Mr Glasgow in support of the trades proposals.

The Board heard Mr Bradley on the structure of the fare scales and the difficulties in comparisons across other Authorities.

After a full discussion Councillor Ahlfeld moved continuation to the next meeting of the Board where a note of tariffs and Civic Government licence fees across all Authorities should be made available to the Board.

This was unanimously agreed.

Decided:

- (1) to remit to the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to submit a note on taxi fare scales and Civic Government licence application fees from all other Authorities; and
- (2) to continue consideration of this item to the next meeting of the Board.

474 Application for Late Hours Catering Licence Malthurst Retail, Malthurst Imperial Filling Station, Regent Street, Greenock

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for Late Hours Catering Licence for the sale to or consumption by the public of food between the hours of 11 pm and 5 am Monday to Sunday at the premises

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known as Malthurst Imperial Filling Station, Regent Street, Greenock.

Mr Neill Livingstone, Area Manager, was present.

The Board heard Mr Livingstone in support of the application and comments from Sergeant Espie.

After discussion Councillor Loughran moved grant of the application. There followed a vote with 9 Members voting for the motion and 1 refusal and 1 abstention.

Decided: the application be granted.

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.

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475 Application for Late Hours Catering Licence Levenvale Restaurants Limited t/a McDonalds, 5 East Hamilton Street, James Watt Way, Greenock

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for Late Hours Catering Licence for the sale to or consumption by the public of food between the hours of 11 pm and 12.30 am Sunday to Thursday and 11 pm and 1.30 am Friday and Saturday for the premises known as McDonalds, 5 East Hamilton Street, James Watt Way, Greenock.

Monica McNeil, Franchise Supervisor; Simon Tiernan, Representative of McDonalds and 2 members of staff were present representing Levenvale Restaurants Limited. Mr and Mrs McGowan, objectors, were also present representing J W W Resident Committee.

Mr Douglas advised the Board on the background of the application and that additional information had been submitted dated 25 July 2013 by McDonalds, a copy of which was circulated to Board Members.

The Board heard Mr Tiernan and Miss McNeil in support of the application.

Mr Tiernan lodged a petition of support which was passed to Members. The Board heard Mr and Mrs McGowan in support of their objection.

After a full discussion, Councillor Loughran moved grant of the licence as applied for with a one year review and additional conditions on the licence with regard to signage, car park monitoring and liaison with the Residents Association as promised in Mr Tiernan's submissions. As an amendment, Councillor Ahlfeld moved refusal of the application on the grounds that the location, character or condition of the premises is not suitable or convenient for the conduct of the activity applied for.

On a vote 5 Members voted for the amendment and 5 Members for the motion,1 Member abstained.

The Chair having casting vote declared the application granted in terms of Councillor

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Loughran's motion.

Decided:

- (1) the application be granted for a 3 year period;
- (2) a one year review of the premises licence including updated anti-social behaviour report by Police Scotland; and
- (3) additional conditions pertaining to signage, monitoring car park and liaison with Residents Association be incorporated on the licence.

476 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Andrew McBride

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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 McBride following a Police representation.

Mr McBride was present.

The Board heard Sergeant Espie in support of the Police representation and Mr McBride in support of his application.

Following discussion, Councillor Loughran moved grant of the application which was unanimously agreed.

Decided: the application be granted.

477 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Neil Munro

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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 Munro following a Police representation.

Mr Munro was not present or represented.

Mr Douglas advised the Board on the background of the application and the written submission by Mr Munro.

The Board heard Sergeant Espie in support of the Police representation.

Following discussion, Councillor Rebecchi moved refusal of the application, as an amendment Councillor Campbell-Sturgess moved grant.

On a vote, 2 Members voted for the motion and 9 for the amendment which was declared carried.

Decided: the application be granted.