

**GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD - 9 OCTOBER 2013**

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**General Purposes Board****Wednesday 9 October 2013 at 3.00 pm**

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

**Chair:** Councillor Dorrian presided.

**In attendance:** Mr F Jarvie, (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.**

**597 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 597**

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Grieve.

There were no substitutions or 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.**

**598 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Craig Ritchie 598**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on the renewal of a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr Ritchie following a representation by the Environmental Enforcement and Licensing Standards Officer.

Mr Ritchie was not present or represented.

Mr Jarvie advised the Board on the background of the application and the Board's decision at their meeting on 12 June 2013 that in the absence of objections or representations being received delegated powers would not be permitted in respect of Mr Ritchie's renewal application.

There followed a short discussion.

**Decided:** the application be granted.

**599 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: John McLaughlan 599**

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

Mr McLaughlan was present.

The Board heard Inspector Wood in support of the Police objection and Mr McLaughlan

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in support of his application

**Decided:**

- (i) to continue consideration to the next meeting of the Board for update on Police Scotland Report; and
- (ii) additional documentation to be submitted by Mr McLaughlan in support of his application.

**600 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Allan Robertshaw 600**

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

Mr Robertshaw was present.

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

**Decided:** the application be granted.

**601 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Paul Atkinson 601**

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

Mr Atkinson was not present or represented.

Mr Jarvie advised the Board the letter informing Mr Atkinson to attend the Board had been returned marked "Gone Away" and Licensing staff have been unable to contact him by phone and in the circumstances, the Board may wish to consider to continue to the next meeting to give Mr Atkinson the opportunity to attend.

**Decided:** to continue consideration to next meeting of the Board.

**602 Consideration of Taxi Driver's Licence: Alan Robertson 602**

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.

Mr Robertson was present.

Mr Jarvie advised the Board on the background of the report, documentation received in support of the licenceholder and updated medical information.

The Board heard Mr Robertson in support of his licence.

**Decided:** remove suspension and reinstate licence

**603 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Joseph McLaughlan 603**

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

Mr McLaughlan was present.

The Board heard Inspector Wood in support of the Police representation and Mr

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McLaughlan in support of his application.

Following discussion Councillor Campbell-Sturgess moved refusal of the application. As an amendment Councillor Dorrian moved grant of the application. On a vote 2 Members voted for the motion and 6 Members for the amendment which was declared carried.

**Decided:** the application be granted.

**604                      Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Charles McLaughlin                      604**

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

Mr McLaughlin was present.

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

**Decided:** the application be granted with warning.

**605                      Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Neil Cannie                      605**

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

Mr Cannie was present.

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

Following discussion, Councillor Dorrian moved grant of the application. As an amendment, Councillor Rebecchi moved continuation for update from Police Scotland. On a vote 2 Members voted for the amendment and 8 Members for the motion which was declared carried.

**Decided:** the application be granted.

**606                      Application for Window Cleaners Licence: Ryan McAteer                      606**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on the grant of a Window Cleaner's Licence following a Police representation.

Mr McAteer was present.

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

**Decided:** the application be granted.