

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD – 11 DECEMBER 2013

General Purposes Board

Wednesday 11 December 2013 at 3.00 pm

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, Brennan, Campbell-Sturgess, Dorrian, Jones, Loughran, McColgan, Nelson and Shepherd.

Chair: Councillor Dorrian presided.

In attendance: Mr F Jarvie (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services) and Sergeant G Fitzpatrick, Police Scotland.

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

804 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

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Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Brooks, McIlwee and Rebecchi with Councillor Nelson substituting for Councillor Brooks and Councillor Shepherd substituting for Councillor Rebecchi.

Councillor Ahfeld declared an interest in agenda item 8 (application for Street Traders Licence – David Sowter).

805 Revised Multi-Access Vehicle Specification

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services following a request by Councillor Ahfeld to consider: (a) the Board revisit the decision of the General Purposes Board in January 2011 to grant the use of the Peugeot Premier and Vehicles of its general type on General Public Hire Licences but not on restricted MAV Public Hire Licences and

(b) the Board revisit the decision made by the Licensing Authority in 1987 and varied in 1998 to issue Taxi Licences with a restriction allowing the vehicles to operate in Inverkip and Wemyss Bay only.

The Board heard Councillor Ahfeld in support of a review of both items. After a full discussion it was agreed that (a) and (b) above would be considered separately.

In respect of (a) Councillor Loughran moved that a review be considered and a consultation process be carried out. Councillor Campbell-Sturgess seconded the motion which was unanimously agreed.

In respect of (b) following discussion it was unanimously agreed a review and consultation be undertaken.

Decided:

- (i) To review the decision of the General Purposes Board in January 2011 to grant the use of the Peugeot Premier and Vehicles of its general type on General Public Hire Licences but not on restricted MAV Public Hire Licences;
- (ii) Remit to the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to consult with all appropriate bodies and arrange advertisement of consultation as required;
- (iii) To review the decision made by the Licensing Authority in 1987 and varied in 1998 to issue Taxi Licences with a restriction allowing the vehicles to operate in

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- Inverkip and Wemyss Bay only; and
 (iv) Remit to the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to carry out a consultation process as required.

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.

806 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Alexander Houston 806

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

Mr Houston was present.

The Board heard Sergeant Fitzpatrick in support of the Police representation and Mr Houston in support of his application.

Decided: the application be granted.

807 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: William Barclay 807

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

Mr Barclay was not present or represented.

The Board heard Sergeant Fitzpatrick in support of the Police objection.

Decided: the application be refused.

808 Application for General Hire Taxi Operator Licence Plate 95: SM Taxis Service Inverclyde Limited 808

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on the renewal of General Hire Taxi Operator Licence 95 by SM Taxis Service Inverclyde Limited following a Police representation.

Miss Stacy Miller, Director was present with her representative Mr Todd, Todd & Mitchell Solicitors

Mr Jarvie advised the Board on the background of the report.

The Board heard Sergeant Fitzpatrick in support of the Police representation and Miss Miller and Mr Todd in support of the application.

Decided: the application be granted.

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809 Application for General Hire Taxi Operator Licence Plate 152: SM Taxis Service Inverclyde Limited 809

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on the renewal of General Hire Taxi Operator Licence 152 by SM Taxis Service Inverclyde Limited following a Police representation.

Miss Stacy Miller, Director was present with her representative Mr Todd, Todd & Mitchell Solicitors.

Mr Jarvie advised the Board on the background of the report.

The Board heard Sergeant Fitzpatrick in support of the Police representation and Miss Miller and Mr Todd in support of the application.

Decided: the application be granted.

810 Application for General Hire Taxi Operator Licence Plate 159: SM Taxis Service Inverclyde Limited 810

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on the renewal of General Hire Taxi Operator Licence 159 by SM Taxis Service Inverclyde Limited following a Police representation.

Miss Stacy Miller, Director was present with her representative Mr Todd, Todd & Mitchell Solicitors

Mr Jarvie advised the Board on the background of the report.

The Board heard Sergeant Fitzpatrick in support of the Police representation and Miss Miller and Mr Todd in support of the application.

Decided: the application be granted.

Councillor Loughran and Sergeant Fitzpatrick left the meeting following consideration of this item.

Councillor Ahlfeld declared a non-financial interest in the next item as he is known to the applicant and left the meeting.

811 Application for Street Traders Licence: Mr David Sowter – Site at Gareloch Road, Devol Industrial Park, Port Glasgow 811

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on the grant of a Street Traders Licence by Mr Sowter following receipt of a public objection. Mr Sowter has applied to operate a moveable stall trading in hot and cold food and beverages situated at the South side of Gareloch Road, Devol Industrial Park, Port Glasgow.

Mr Sowter was present. The objector was not present or represented.

The Board heard Mr Sowter in support of his application.

Decided: the application be granted.