

**GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD - 12 FEBRUARY 2014**

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**Wednesday 12 February 2014 at 3pm**

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

**Chair:** Councillor Dorrian presided.

**In attendance:** Mr F Jarvie (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services) and Mr J Bradley (for Head of Environmental & Commercial Services).

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

**104 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 104**

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Grieve with Councillor MacLeod substituting on his behalf.

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

**105 Revised Multi Access Vehicles Specification 105**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services seeking the Board's decision on the Council's policy regarding the vehicle specifications applicable to the twenty restricted vehicles licensed as multi access public hire taxis following a formal request to consider the matter made by the Board at its meeting on 11 December 2013.

Mr Jarvie advised the Board a consultation process had been undertaken and a copy of the responses received form appendix 2 of the report. He also referred Members to the report submitted by the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services as appendix 1.

Mr Jarvie requested Members to consider all reports before them in determining any change to policy.

The Board heard Mr Bradley who intimated the positives and negatives are within his report. He also answered any Members questions as required.

There followed discussion on the various types of wheelchair accessible vehicles and in particular the Peugeot Premier suitable for this purpose.

Councillor Dorrian moved amendment to the policy applicable to multi access vehicles to allow this type of vehicle and a time limit of three months be implemented for vehicles to be operational on the licence. Members unanimously agreed the motion.

**Decided:**

- (i) to amend the vehicle specification policy applicable to the twenty restricted licences for multi-access vehicles to incorporate the Peugeot Premier or similar generic type vehicles; and
- (ii) to impose a 3 month time limit for vehicles to be operational on the licence failing which the licence is deemed to have lapsed.