

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD - 2 JULY 2014

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Wednesday 2 July 2014 at 3.00pm

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

Chair: Councillor Dorrian presided.

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

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

434 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 434

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Brooks and McColgan. Councillor Nelson substituting for Councillor Brooks and Councillor Clocherty substituting for Councillor McColgan.
There were no declarations of interest intimated.

435 Licensing of Taxi Offices 435

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services to ask the Board to consider a request by Councillor Ahlfeld and the Convener, Councillor Dorrian on the imposition of a Condition on Booking Office Licences that the Booking Office and call handling facilities must be placed and operate within Inverclyde boundaries.
There followed a discussion on the report.
Decided: remit to the Clerk to submit a detailed report to the next appropriate meeting.

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.

436 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – Kevin Smith 436

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services for the grant of a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr Smith following a Police representation.
Mr Smith was not present or represented.
The Board heard Inspector Kirkwood in support of the Police representation.
Decided: the application be granted.

Inspector Kirkwood and Sergeant Fitzpatrick left the meeting after consideration of this item.

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437 Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 437
Application for Multi-Access General Hire Taxi Licence
Inverclyde Taxis Ltd

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services for the grant of a Multi-Access General Hire Taxi Licence by Inverclyde Taxis Ltd.

Mr Hambley, Group Operations Manager, Inverclyde Taxis Ltd was present.

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

The Board heard Mr Hambley in support of the application.

There followed a full discussion during which, Mr Jarvie confirmed the number of Multi-Access General Hire Taxi Licences are restricted to 20 and all are currently allocated.

Decided: the application be refused

438 Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 438
Application for Multi-Access General Hire Taxi Licences
Brian Cannie (x2)

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services for the grant of 2 Multi-Access General Hire Taxi Licences by Mr Cannie.

Mr Cannie, Snr was present representing the applicant.

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

The Board heard Mr Cannie in support of the applications.

Decided: the applications be refused.

439 Request for Suspension of Taxi Driver's Licence – James Gisbey 439

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services requesting the Board to consider the suspension of Mr Gisbey's Taxi Driver's Licence which expires on 31 January 2015.

Mr Gisbey was not present or represented.

Mr Jarvie advised the Board that following receipt of a letter dated 5 June 2014 from the Medical Practitioner, Mr Gisbey's Taxi Driver's Licence had been immediately suspended on 6 June 2014 and requested the Board to uphold the decision of suspension and to consider whether or not the suspension is extended.

Decided:

- (i) to uphold the immediate suspension; and
- (ii) to continue suspension for the unexpired portion of licence to 31 January 2015.