

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD – 10 SEPTEMBER 2014

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Wednesday 10 September 2014 at 3.00pm

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, Brennan, Brooks, Dorrian, Jones, Loughran, McIlwee and Rebecchi.

Chair: Councillor Dorrian presided.

In attendance: Mr J Hamilton (for Head of Legal & Property Services) and Chief Inspector E Brown 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.

550 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 550

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Campbell-Sturgess, Grieve and McColgan.

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.

551 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – Allan McEwan 551

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services for the grant of a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr McEwan following a Police objection.

Mr McEwan was present.

The Board heard Chief Inspector Brown in support of the Police objection and Mr McEwan in support of his application.

After discussion, Councillor Dorrian moved grant of the application, as an amendment Councillor Brooks moved refusal of the application. On a vote, three Members voted for the amendment, one Member abstained and four Members voted for the motion which was declared carried.

Decided: the application be granted.

552 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – Brian Campbell 552

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services for the grant of a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr Campbell following a Police objection.

Mr Campbell was present.

The Board heard Chief Inspector Brown in support of the Police objection and Mr Campbell in support of his application.

Decided: the application be granted.

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- 553 Application for Taxi Driver’s Licence – Patrick McMahon 553**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services for the renewal of a Taxi Driver’s Licence by Mr McMahon following a Police representation. Mr McMahon was present with his representative Mr D Tod, Messrs The Robert Kerr Partnership.
- The Board heard Chief Inspector Brown and Sergeant Fitzpatrick in support of the Police representation and Mr McMahon and Mr Tod in support of his application.
- Decided:** the application be granted.
- 554 Application for Taxi Driver’s Licence – Robert Hotchkiss 554**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services for the grant of a Taxi Driver’s Licence by Mr Hotchkiss following a Police representation. Mr Hotchkiss was not present or represented.
- The Board heard Chief Inspector Brown in support of the Police representation.
- Decided:**
- (i) to continue consideration of the application to the next meeting of the Board; and
 - (ii) Mr Hotchkiss is requested to be in attendance at the next meeting.
- 555 Request for Suspension of Taxi Driver’s Licence – Gary Sinnamon 555**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services requesting the Board to consider the suspension of Mr Sinnamon’s Taxi Driver’s Licence which expires on 31 October 2014.
- Mr Sinnamon was present with his representative Mr C McConnachie. The complainer was not present or represented.
- Mr Hamilton advised the Board on the background of the report and intimated a letter had been received on 27 August 2014 from Mr Sinnamon. The letter was circulated to Members. Mr Hamilton requested the Board to consider whether or not to suspend Mr Sinnamon’s licence.
- The Board heard Sergeant Fitzpatrick on the incident reported to Police Scotland and Mr Sinnamon and Mr McConnachie in support of his licence.
- Decided:** to immediately suspend Mr Sinnamon’s licence for a period of 2 weeks