

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD – 12 NOVEMBER 2014

General Purposes BoardWednesday 12 November 2014 at 3.00pm

Present: Provost Moran, Councillors Ahlfeld, Brennan, Campbell-Sturgess, Dorrian, Jones, Loughran and Rebecchi.

Chair: Councillor Dorrian presided.

In attendance: Mr J Douglas (for Head of Legal & Property Services) and Inspector G Kirkwood, Police Scotland.

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

711 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest**711**

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Brooks, Grieve, McColgan and McIlwee with Provost Moran substituting on behalf of Councillor McColgan.

Councillor Dorrian declared a financial interest in Agenda Item 2 (Consideration of Withdrawal of Multi-Access General Hire Taxi Licence (P229) Prinnsias McGhee).

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.

Councillor Dorrian declared a financial interest in this item as he is known to the applicant in a working capacity which precluded his continued presence in the Chamber and his participation in the decision making process. Councillor Dorrian vacated the Chair and left the meeting. Councillor Ahlfeld assumed the Chair.

712 Consideration of Withdrawal of Multi-Access General Hire Taxi Licence (P229) Prinnsias McGhee**712**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services requesting the Board to consider whether or not Mr McGhee's Multi-Access General Hire Taxi Licence should be re-instated following the vehicle not being operational after the 3 month period allocated as per the Board's Policy.

Mr C Lamb was present representing the applicant together with Mr McCafferty and Mr McGhee.

Mr Douglas advised the Board on the background of the report and intimated that an e-mail had been submitted by Mr McGhee dated 7 November 2014 which was circulated to Members.

The Board heard Mr Lamb and Mr McCafferty in support of the licence. Mr Lamb provided the Licence Vehicle Inspection Report which was circulated to Members.

Following a full discussion, Councillor Campbell-Sturgess moved refusal to re-instate the licence, as an amendment Provost Moran moved to grant re-instatement of licence on good cause shown. On a vote, two Members voted for the amendment and five

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Members for the motion which was declared carried.

Decided: refuse re-instatement of licence.

Councillor Dorrian returned to the meeting and resumed the Chair at the conclusion of this item.

713 Request for Suspension of Taxi Driver's Licence: James Moore 713

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services requesting consideration of suspension of Mr Moore's Taxi Driver's Licence which expires on 31 May 2015 following a letter submitted by Police Scotland dated 19 September 2014.

Mr Moore was present with his representative Mr Drummond.

The Board heard Inspector Kirkwood in support of the Chief Constable's submissions and Mr Drummond in support of his client's licence.

Following discussion the Board unanimously agreed to continue consideration to the January 2015 meeting of the Board to allow pending matters to be concluded.

Decided: continue consideration to the January 2015 meeting of the Board.