

## GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD – 11 MARCH 2015

General Purposes BoardWednesday 11 March 2015 at 3.00pm

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

**Chair:** Councillor Dorrian presided.

**In attendance:** Mr F Jarvie (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.**

**213 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 213**

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Grieve, McColgan and McIlwee with Provost Moran substituting on behalf Councillor McIlwee. Provost Moran declared a non-financial interest in Agenda Item 3 (Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – Allan Stewart).

**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.**

**214 Request for Suspension of Taxi Driver's Licence – James Moore 214**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services requesting the Board to consider the 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 Seamus Lamb, Maitlands Solicitors. Mr Jarvie advised this item had been continued from the meeting held on 12 November 2014 and 11 February 2015 to allow pending matters to be concluded. The Board heard Inspector Kirkwood in support of the Police recommendation and Mr Lamb in support of the licence holder. Following discussion, Councillor Brooks moved not to suspend Mr Moore's licence. On a vote, seven Members voted for the motion and two Members abstained.  
**Decided:** request for suspension of licence be refused

Provost Moran declared a non-financial interest in the next item as the applicant is known to him which precluded his continued presence in the Chamber and his participation in the decision making process. Provost Moran left the meeting.

**215 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – Allan Stewart 215**

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

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Mr Stewart was present.

Mr Jarvie advised on the background of the report.

The Board heard Inspector Kirkwood in support of the Police representation and Mr Stewart in support of his application.

Following discussion the Board unanimously agreed to grant the application.

**Decided:** the application be granted.

Provost Moran returned to the meeting at the conclusion of this item.

**216      Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – Stephen Stewart      216**

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

Mr Jarvie advised this item had been continued from the meeting held on 11 February 2015 to await the results of a medical report. He advised that matters are still ongoing and Mr Stewart was contacted and agreed not to attend today but to continue consideration to the next meeting of the Board. Members noted the position.

**Decided:** to continue consideration to the next meeting of the Board.

**217      Request for Suspension of Taxi Driver's Licence – Bernard Bain      217**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services requesting the Board to consider the suspension of Mr Bain's Taxi Driver's Licence which expired on 28 February 2015.

Mr Bain was not present or represented.

Mr Jarvie advised that following receipt of a letter dated 17 February 2015 from Police Scotland Mr Bain's licence had been immediately suspended on 23 February 2015 and requested the Board uphold the decision of suspension. Mr Jarvie advised no application for renewal of licence has been submitted by Mr Bain.

The Board heard Inspector Kirkwood in support of the Police recommendations.

**Decided:** to uphold the immediate suspension.

**218      Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – William Barclay      218**

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

Mr Barclay was present.

The Board heard Inspector Kirkwood in support of the Police objection and Mr Barclay in support of his application.

During discussion, Mr Barclay provided three letters in support of his application which were circulated to Members.

Following discussion the Board unanimously agreed to refuse the application.

**Decided:** the application be refused.