GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD - 12 AUGUST 2015

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Wednesday 12 August 2015 at 3.00pm

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

Chair: Councillor Dorrian presided.

In attendance: Mr D Keenan (for Head of Legal & Property Services); Chief Inspector E Brown and Sergeant J Curran, Police Scotland.

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

493 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

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Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Grieve and Campbell-Sturgess.

There were no substitutions or declarations of interest intimated.

494 Taxi Fares Review 2015

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services to consider the annual review of taxi fare scales for the purposes of advertisement as the first formal stage of the statutory process.

Mr Keenan advised on the background of the report and informed Members that after the consultation process, the taxi trade wish to maintain the current fare structure as approved in November 2014. The Head of Environmental and Commercial Services support the trade's proposal.

Mr Keenan also advised the additional requests made by the trade in their letter dated 17 June 2015 pertaining to taxi ranks, application fees and earlier consultation for the 2016 fares and charges be dealt with as a separate matter from the Taxi Fares Review. After discussion the Board unanimously agreed no increase in the taxi fare scales and charges and to remit all other matters raised to the Head of Legal & Property Services to be considered at the next meeting.

Decided:

- (i) to maintain the current taxi fares scales and charges; and
- (ii) remit to the Head of Legal & Property Services to submit a report for consideration to the next meeting on the additional matters raised.

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.

495 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – Paul Doherty

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

Mr Doherty was present.

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Mr Keenan advised on the background of the report and informed Members that Mr Doherty had submitted a letter on 7 August 2015 to the Licensing Section in support of his application, a copy of which was circulated to Members.

The Board heard Chief Inspector Brown in support of the Police objection and Mr Doherty in support of his application. Mr Doherty provided evidence that payment was made in full of an outstanding court balance which was noted.

Following discussion the Board unanimously agreed to grant the application.

Decided: the application be granted.

496 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – James Donnachie

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

Mr Donnachie was present.

Mr Keenan advised on the background of the report.

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

Following discussion the Board unanimously agreed to grant the application.

Decided: the application be granted.

497 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – James Duffy

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

Mr Duffy was present.

Mr Keenan advised on the background of the report.

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

Following discussion the Board unanimously agreed to grant the application.

Decided: the application be granted.

498 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – Kevin Burns

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

Mr Burns was present.

Mr Keenan advised on the background of the report and informed Members that Mr Burns had submitted documentation on 31 July 2015 to the Licensing Section in support of his application, a copy of which was circulated to Members.

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

Following discussion the Board unanimously agreed to grant the application.

Decided: the application be granted.

499 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – David Barclay

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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.

Mr Keenan advised on the background of the report and informed Members that Mr Barclay's Solicitor, Fyfe & Murray had submitted a letter dated 5 August 2015 to the Licensing Section in support of the applicant, a copy of which was circulated to

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Members.

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

Following discussion the Board unanimously agreed to grant the application.

Decided: the application be granted.

500 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – Hugh Dolan

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

Mr Dolan was present.

Mr Keenan advised on the background of the report and informed Members that Mr Dolan submitted a letter on 27 July 2015 to the Licensing Section in support of his application, a copy of which was circulated to Members.

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

Following discussion the Board unanimously agreed to grant the application.

Decided: the application be granted.

501 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – James Reilly

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

Mr Reilly was present.

Mr Keenan advised on the background of the report.

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

Following discussion the Board unanimously agreed to grant the application.

Decided: the application be granted.

Application for Grant of a Street Trader Licence – Anthony McVey Fixed Site at East Breast Street, Greenock

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services for grant of a Street Trader Licence by Mr McVey following a Police objection. The application is to operate a Fixed Site at East Breast Street, Greenock.

Mr McVey was present.

Mr Keenan advised on the background of the report.

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

After discussion the Board unanimously agreed to refuse the application.

Decided: the application be refused.