

**GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD – 13 JANUARY 2016**

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**Wednesday 13 January 2016 at 3pm**

**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), Mrs Lindsay Carrick (Legal & Property Services), Inspector D Kane 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.**

- 15 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 15**
- An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Campbell-Sturgess.
- Councillor Brooks declared an interest in Agenda Item 7 (Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – James McFadyen).
- 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.**
- 16 Request for Suspension of a Taxi Driver's Licence – Stuart Henderson 16**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services requesting the Board to consider the suspension of Mr Henderson's taxi driver's licence which expires on 31 October 2016, following a letter submitted by Police Scotland dated 14 December 2015.
- Mr Henderson was present for this item.
- Mr Keenan advised on the background of the report and informed members that Mr Henderson's licence had not been suspended following receipt of Police Scotland's letter. The Board heard Inspector Kane in support of Police Scotland's recommendation and Mr Henderson in support of his licence.
- (Councillor Rebecchi entered the meeting during consideration of this item of business).
- Decided:** that Mr Henderson's taxi driver's licence be not suspended
- 17 Application for Renewal of Taxi Driver's Licence – Robert Paterson 17**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services requesting the Board to consider an application for renewal of a taxi driver's licence by Robert Paterson following a letter of representation by Police Scotland dated 6 November 2015.
- Mr Paterson was present for this item.

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Mr Keenan advised on the background of the report.

The Board heard Inspector Kane in support of Police Scotland's letter and Mr Paterson in support of his application.

**Decided:** that Mr Paterson's application be granted.

**18 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – Richard McCartney 18**

Mr Keenan advised the Board that a decision had been taken to refer this item to the next meeting of the Board.

**Decided:** that consideration of this item be continued to the next meeting of the Board.

**19 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – Blair Fisher 19**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services requesting the Board to consider an application for a taxi driver's licence by Blair Fisher following a letter of objection by Police Scotland dated 21 October 2015.

Mr Fisher was not present or represented for this item.

The Board heard Inspector Kane in support of Police Scotland's letter.

**Decided:** that Mr Fisher's application be refused.

**20 Application for Renewal of Taxi Driver's Licence: Andrew McFarlane 20**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services requesting the Board to consider the renewal of a taxi driver's licence by Andrew McFarlane following a letter of objection by Police Scotland dated 22 October 2015.

Mr McFarlane was present for this item.

The Board heard Inspector Kane in support of Police Scotland's letter and Mr McFarlane in support of his application.

**Decided:** that Mr McFarlane's application be granted.

**21 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – James McFadyen 21**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services requesting the Board to consider an application for a taxi driver's licence by James McFadyen following a letter of representation by Police Scotland dated 17 December 2015.

Mr McFadyen was present for this item.

Councillor Brooks declared a non-financial interest in this item as a friend of the applicant and left the meeting

The Board heard Inspector Kane in support of Police Scotland's letter and Mr McFadyen in support of his application.

**Decided:** that Mr McFadyen's application be granted.