GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD – 10 FEBRUARY 2016

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Wednesday 10 February 2016 at 3.00 pm

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, Brennan, Brooks, Campbell-Sturgess, Dorrian, Jones, McColgan and Rebecchi.

Chair: Councillor Dorrian presided.

In attendance: Mr D Keenan (for Head of Legal & Property Services), Ms F Denver (Legal & Property Services), Inspector D Kane and PC White, Police Scotland.

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

101 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Grieve, Loughran and McIlwee.

No declarations of interest were 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.

102 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – Michael Dunn

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

Mr Dunn was present.

Mr Keenan advised on the background of the report.

The Board heard Inspector Kane in support of the Police objection and Mr Dunn in support of his application.

Following discussion Councillor Brooks moved grant of the application, there were no amendments to the motion. On a vote 6 Members voted for the motion and 2 Members abstained.

Mr Keenan confirmed the application as granted.

Decided: the application be granted.

103 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – Robert Burke

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

Mr Keenan advised that Mr Burke had confirmed he would be attending the meeting, however he was not present at this time and asked the Board to consider recalling this item later to afford Mr Burke the opportunity to attend.

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Members unanimously agreed to recall this item.

104 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – Daniel MacDougall

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Property Services for grant of a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr MacDougall following a Police objection. Mr MacDougall was not present or represented. Mr Keenan advised on the background of the report. The Board heard Inspector Kane in support of the Police objection.

Following discussion Councillor Rebecchi moved refusal of the application which was unanimously agreed.

Decided: the application be refused.

105 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – Richard McCartney

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

Mr Keenan advised on the background of the report.

The Board heard Inspector Kane in support of the Police objection and Mr McCartney in support of his application.

Following discussion the Board unanimously agreed to refuse the application. **Decided:** the application be refused.

106 Request for Suspension of Taxi Driver's Licence – Michael McDiarmid

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Property Services asking the Board to consider the suspension of the Taxi Driver's Licence held by Mr McDiarmid. Mr McDiarmid was present.

Mr Keenan advised on the background of the report and intimated that Mr McDiarmid's licence had been immediately suspended on 22 January 2016 and his current licence expires on 29 February 2016. He also advised that Mr McDiarmid submitted a letter to the Licensing Section on 3 February 2016 in support of his licence, a copy of which was circulated to Members.

The Board heard Inspector Kane in support of the Police recommendations and Mr McDiarmid in support of his licence.

After discussion the Board unanimously upheld the immediate suspension and agreed to remove the suspension with immediate effect.

Decided:

- (i) to uphold the immediate suspension; and
- (ii) not to suspend for a further period thereby removing the suspension with immediate effect.

107 Application for grant of a Street Trader Licence – Anthony Remo Serapiglia

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Property Services for grant of a Street Trader Licence following a Police objection. The applicant proposes to operate a mobile ice cream van throughout the Inverclyde area from 12 Noon to 10.00 p.m. Monday to Sunday.

Mr Keenan advised the Board that Mr Serapiglia requested a continuation of consideration of his application.

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The Board unanimously agreed to continue consideration to the next meeting of the Board.

Decided: that consideration of the application be continued to the next meeting of the Board.

108 Application for grant of a Licence to act as a Second Hand Dealer – Andrew 108 Galbraith

Premises – Regent Vehicle Sales, 42-44 East Hamilton Street, Greenock

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Property Services for grant of a Second Hand Dealer Licence by Mr Galbraith following a Police objection. The applicant proposes to operate premises at Regent Vehicle Sales, 42-44 East Hamilton Street, Greenock from 8.30 a.m. – 8.00 p.m. Monday to Sunday.

Mr Galbraith was present.

Mr Keenan advised on the background of the report and intimated that Mr Galbraith submitted a letter to the Licensing Section on 5 February 2016, a copy of which was circulated to Members.

Members were made aware that a further letter by the Chief Superintendent had been submitted and unanimously agreed to consider the terms of this letter. Mr Galbraith confirmed that he had received a copy of both letters.

The Board heard Inspector Kane who intimated the Police objection should be amended to a Police representation and addressed the Board on both letters by the Chief Superintendent. The Board heard Mr Galbraith in support of his application.

After further discussion the Board unanimously agreed to grant the application. **Decided:** the application be granted.

109 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – Robert Burke

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

Mr Burke was not present.

Mr Keenan advised on the background of the report and intimated that Mr Burke submitted a letter to the Licensing Section on 1 February 2016 in support of his application, a copy of which was circulated to Members.

The Board heard Inspector Kane in support of the Police objection.

Following discussion the Board unanimously agreed to continue consideration to the next meeting of the Board and request Mr Burke to provide supporting documentation to matters referred to in his letter.

Decided:

- (i) that Mr Burke be requested to provide supporting documentation in relation to matters referred to in his letter of 1 February 2016; and
- (ii) that consideration of the application be continued to the next meeting of the Board.