

**GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD – 9 MARCH 2016**

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**Wednesday 9 March 2016 at 3pm**

**Present:** Councillors Ahlfeld, Brennan, Brooks, Campbell-Sturgess, Dorrian, Jones, Loughran, McColgan, McIlwee, Nelson and Shepherd.

**Chair:** Councillor Dorrian presided.

**In attendance:** Mr D Keenan (for Head of Legal & Property Services), Ms L Carrick (Legal & Property Services), Mr G Blackie (for Head of Environmental & Commercial Services), Inspector S McInnes and PC R White, Police Scotland.

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

**192      Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest      192**

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Rebecchi with Councillor Shepherd substituting.

Councillor McIlwee declared an interest in Agenda Item 2 (Request for Suspension of Taxi Driver's Licence – Aaron McBryde).

**193      Request for Suspension of Taxi Driver's Licence – Aaron McBryde      193**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services requesting the Board to consider the suspension of Mr McBryde's taxi driver's licence which expires on 31 January 2017, following a letter submitted by Police Scotland dated 9 February 2016. Councillor McIlwee declared a non-financial interest in this item as a family acquaintance and left the meeting.

Mr McBryde was present for this item

Mr Keenan advised on the background to the report and informed Members that Mr McBryde's licence had not been suspended following receipt of Police Scotland's letter. The Board heard Inspector McInnes in support of Police Scotland's recommendation and Mr McBryde in support of his licence which included six character references, copies of which were circulated to the Board.

(Councillor Shepherd entered the meeting during consideration of this item of business). Following discussion, Councillor Loughran moved that Mr McBryde's licence be not suspended. As an amendment, Councillor Campbell-Sturgess moved that Mr McBryde's licence be suspended. On a vote, two Members voted for the amendment and seven for the motion which was declared carried.

**Decided:** that Mr McBryde's Licence be not suspended.

Councillor McIlwee entered the meeting at this juncture.

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- 194 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – Robert Burke 194**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services on an application for a taxi driver's licence by Mr Burke following a police objection. Mr Burke was not present or represented. Mr Keenan advised on the background to the report and informed the Board that this item had been continued from the meeting held on 10 February 2016 to allow Mr Burke to attend. The Board heard Inspector McInnes in support of the police objection. Following discussion, Councillor Ahlfeld moved that the application be refused. As an amendment, Councillor Loughran moved that the application be granted. On a vote, four Members voted for the motion and four for the amendment. There being equality in voting, the Chair exercised his casting vote in favour of the amendment, which was declared carried.
- Decided:** that Mr Burke's application be granted.
- 195 Application for the Renewal of Taxi Driver's Licence – Stuart Maxwell 195**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services on an application for renewal of a taxi driver's licence by Stuart Maxwell following a letter of representation by Police Scotland dated 4 February 2016. Mr Maxwell was not present or represented. The Board heard Inspector McInnes in support of Police Scotland's letter.
- Decided:** that Mr Maxwell's application be granted.
- 196 Application for Street Trader Licence - Anthony Remo Serapiglia 196**
- Mr Keenan advised the Board that this item would be referred to the next meeting of the Board.
- Decided:** that consideration of this item be continued to the next meeting.
- 197 Application for the Grant of a Street Trader's Licence – John Molloy 197**  
**Fixed Site on Arthur Street, Greenock (between Carlsburn Street and Knowe Road)**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services on an application for a street trader's licence by Mr Molloy following receipt of a letter of objection from the existing street trader at Arthur Street and a recommendation to refuse the application on the grounds of road safety received from the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services. Mr Molloy was present for this item. Mr Keenan advised on the background to the report. The Board heard Mr Blackie (Environmental & Commercial Services) in support of the recommendation by the Roads Department and Mr Molloy in support of his application.
- Decided:** that it be remitted to the Head of Legal & Property Services to arrange for a site visit to the proposed location and that consideration of the application be continued to a future meeting of the Board.