

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD – 14 SEPTEMBER 2016

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Wednesday 14 September 2016 at 3.00 pm

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

Chair: Councillor Dorrian presided.

In attendance: Mr D Keenan (for Head of Legal & Property Services), Ms F Denver (Legal & Property Services).

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

512 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 512

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor McColgan with Provost Moran substituting on his behalf.

Councillor McIlwee declared an interest in agenda item 5 (Application for House in Multiple Occupation – Turning Point Scotland).

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.

513 Application for Taxi Driver’s Licence – Ian Baxter 513

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

Mr Keenan advised that Mr Baxter requested consideration of his application be continued to the next meeting of the Board as he is unable to attend today.

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

514 Application for Taxi Driver’s Licence – Peter Patrick Glancy Campbell 514

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Property Services for grant of a Taxi Driver’s Licence by Mr Campbell following a medical report.

Mr Keenan advised that Mr Campbell is unable to attend the meeting today and Mr Campbell is aware that the application must be considered in his absence due to legislative timescales. Mr Keenan confirmed that no written submissions by Mr Campbell had been received.

Members considered the report and comments by the Council’s authorised medical practitioner in his letters dated 22 July 2016 and 30 August 2016.

Following discussion, the Board unanimously agreed to refuse the application.

Decided: the application be refused.

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**515 Application for Grant of a Street Trader Licence – La Cinquecento Ltd
Fixed Site – Car Park off Ardgowan Road, Wemyss Bay**
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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services for the grant of a Street Trader Licence by La Cinquecento Ltd following public objections being submitted.

The Board heard Mr Spadavecchia and Ms Mercanti in support of their application. Following discussion, Councillor Campbell-Sturgess moved grant of the application, as an amendment Councillor Nelson moved refusal of the application. On a vote, two Members voted for the amendment and eight Members for the motion with one Member abstaining.

Decided: the application be granted.

Councillor McIlwee declared a non-financial interest in the next item as he is Chair of the Inverclyde Integrated Joint Board which precluded his continued presence in the Chamber and his participation in the decision making process. He then left the meeting.

**516 Application for House in Multiple Occupation
Turning Point Scotland**
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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services for the grant of a House in Multiple Occupation by Turning Point Scotland following receipt of public objections.

The Board heard Ms Bryceland and Ms Munro on behalf of the five objectors present in support of their objections and Mr Marrone, and Mr Rennie, representatives of Turning Point Scotland in support of the application.

There followed dialogue between all parties and Members which highlighted a lack of communication between objectors and Turning Point Scotland. After discussion, the Board unanimously granted the application. The Board further advised that they recommended that parties meet to discuss the concerns raised by the objectors with a view to allaying said concerns, where possible.

Decided: the application be granted.