

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD – 8 AUGUST 2018

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Wednesday 8 August 2018 at 3pm

Present: Provost Brennan, Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Crowther, Curley, Dorrian, Jackson, J McEleny, and Quinn.

Chair: Councillor Dorrian presided.

In attendance: Mr D Keenan (for Head of Legal & Property Services), Ms L Carrick (Legal & Property Services) and Sergeant J Hay (Police Scotland).

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

425 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 425

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Moran and MacLeod.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

426 Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 426
Appointment and Revocation of Taxi Stance
Cathcart Street/Bank Street, Greenock

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Property Services requesting the Board to consider relocation of the taxi stance at Bank Street, Greenock to Cathcart Street, Greenock to facilitate an improved traffic management area and workable stance serving this part of the town centre.

Decided: that this item be continued to the September Board meeting for further information in relation to the proposal.

427 Taxi Fares Review 2018 427

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

Mr J Bradley was in attendance representing the Head of Environmental & Public Protection and Mr H Glasgow representing Inverclyde Taxis Ltd, ABC Taxis (Inverclyde) Ltd and the Operators Liaison Group.

The Board heard Mr Glasgow in support of the trade recommendations and Mr Bradley in respect of the submission by the Head of Environmental and Public Protection.

Following discussion, Councillor Ahlfeld moved that the proposals by the trade be accepted. As an amendment, Councillor J McEleny moved that the reduction in yardage be in line with the consumer price index of 2.5 percent.

On a vote, 2 Members, Councillors J McEleny and Crowther, voted in favour of the amendment and 7 Members, Provost Brennan, Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Curley, Dorrian, Jackson and Quinn, voted in favour of the motion which was declared carried.

Decided:

(1) that flag fall charge to be maintained across Tariffs 1, 2, 3 and 4 combined with a

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3% reduction in yardage for the initial charge and subsequent charge yardage be adopted; and

(2) that it be remitted to the Head of Legal & Property Services to arrange for public advertising of proposals as the first stage of the statutory process.

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.

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