

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD –10 MAY 2023

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Wednesday 10 May 2023 at 3pm

Present: Provost McKenzie, Councillors Armstrong, Brennan, Cassidy, Crowther, Curley, McCluskey, Moran, Quinn, Reynolds and Wilson.

Chair: Councillor Moran presided.

In attendance:

David Keenan	Solicitor (for Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services)
Anne Sinclair	Legal Services Manager (Licensing, Litigation & Committees)
Diane Sweeney	Senior Committee Officer
John McWilliams	Vehicle Inspection/Hire Desk Officer, Environmental Services
PJ Coulter	Corporate Communications Officer (Media Relations)

The meeting was held at the Municipal Buildings, Greenock with Councillors Brennan, Curley, McCluskey, Quinn, Reynolds and Wilson attending remotely.

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

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No apologies for absence or declarations of interest were intimated.

295 Installation of Operation of CCTV Cameras within Taxi/Private Hire Vehicles 295

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services (1) seeking the views of the Board on the responses received following a consultation on the terms of a draft policy pertaining to the installation and operation of CCTV cameras within taxi/private hire vehicles, and (2) requesting the Board consider (a) the terms of the said draft policy, and (b) determine whether to approve the said draft policy.

The Legal Services Manager provided a verbal update and advised that the report did not cover the use of dashcams in taxi/private hire vehicles and that it was proposed this would be the subject of a further consultation.

Decided:

(1) that (a) approval be given to (i) the draft policy, as appended at appendix 1 to the report, (ii) the proposed licensing conditions, as detailed at section 6 of the report, and (iii) the notification process, as detailed at section 7 of the report, and (b) it be remitted to the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services to publicise the terms of the said policy and guidance;

(2) that approval be given to (a) the proposed notification process, as detailed at section 7 of the report, (b) the administration fee of £35, as detailed at paragraph 7.3 of the report, and (c) the inspection fee of £15, as detailed at paragraphs 7.5;

(3) that a further consultation be undertaken on the use of dashcams in taxi/private hire vehicles with the outcome of that consultation being incorporated into the approved policy on the installation and operation of CCTV in taxis/private hire vehicles; and

(4) that it be noted a further report will be brought to the Board following the consultation on dashcams.

296 Tinted Windows in Taxis and Private Hire Cars

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It was noted that this item had been withdrawn from the agenda.