

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD – 13 DECEMBER 2023

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Wednesday 13 December 2023 at 3pm

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

Chair: Councillor Moran presided.

In attendance:

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| David Keenan | Solicitor (for Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services) |
| Diane Sweeney | Senior Committee Officer |
| Lindsay Carrick | Senior Committee Officer |

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

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

675 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 675

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Curley and Wilson.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

676 Installation of Dashcams in Taxis/Private Hire Vehicles 676

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services seeking the views of the Board on the responses received to the consultation on the proposed amendments to the existing policy regarding the installation of CCTV in taxis/private hire vehicles in order to include outward facing Dash Cam systems in taxis/private hire vehicles.

Decided:

- (1) that the Board notes (a) the terms of the report, and (b) the responses received to the consultation regarding the proposed amendments to the existing CCTV policy in order to include within the policy regulation of outward facing Dash Cam systems in taxis/private hire vehicles;
- (2) that the CCTV/Dash Cam policy, as detailed at appendix 2 of the report, be approved and adopted with effect from the date of this meeting;
- (3) that the proposed amendment to the corresponding licensing condition, as detailed at section 6.1 of the report, be approved;
- (4) that the proposed amendment to the current CCTV policy in relation to contact details of operators, as detailed at paragraphs 5.2 and 5.3 of this report, be approved;
- (5) that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services in consultation with the Chair of the Board to make further such changes as are deemed necessary further to the Board's decision today, and thereafter finalise and publish the CCTV/Dash Cam Policy; and
- (6) that it be remitted to officers to submit a further report to the Board providing an update on this matter in 6 months time.

677 Taxi Licensing – Policy Regarding Allocation of Taxi Plates**677**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services seeking authorisation to commence a consultation with the taxi trade and other relevant stakeholders regarding the appropriate methodology for reallocation of any existing taxi/wheelchair accessible vehicle licences which become available or any new licences/plates which may become available for distribution in future.

Decided:

- (1) that the terms of the report be noted; and
- (2) that the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services be authorised to commence a consultation with the members of the taxi trade, including taxi drivers and operators, with regard to a possible policy in connection with the reallocation of existing taxi plates should they become available or new taxi plates should the Board at a future meeting determine to increase the number of plates.