

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD – 14 MAY 2025

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Wednesday 14 May 2025 at 3pm

Present: Provost McKenzie, Councillors Armstrong, Brennan, Cassidy, Curley, Hellyer, Jackson, Nelson, Quinn and Reynolds.

Chair: Councillor Jackson presided.

In attendance:

David Keenan	Solicitor (for Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services)
Anne Sinclair	Legal Services Manager (Licensing, Litigation & Committees)
Fiona Denver	Senior Paralegal Officer
Lindsay Carrick	Senior Committee Officer

In attendance also: Sergeant Ian Robertson (Police Scotland).

The meeting was held at the Municipal Buildings, Greenock with Provost McKenzie and Councillors Hellyer and Reynolds attending remotely.

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

232 **Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest** 232

No apologies for absence or declarations of interest were intimated.

233 **Review of the Sexual Entertainment Venue Policy Statement** 233

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services providing (1) an update on the outcome of the public consultation exercise in relation to review of the Council's Sexual Entertainment Venue (SEV) Policy Statement; and (2) requesting that the Board considers what revisals, if any, require to be made to the Policy Statement in light of the consultation responses.

Councillor Hellyer joined the meeting during consideration of this item but did not participate in the discussion on this item.

Decided:

- (1) that the content of the report, and the views expressed in response to the public consultation exercise on the terms of the SEV Policy Statement be noted;
- (2) that the proposed amendments to the SEV Policy Statement detailed in Appendix 1 to the report be approved;
- (3) that approval be given to the recommendation detailed in paragraph 5.6 of the report in that the appropriate number of SEV's in the entire area of Inverclyde be retained at nil;
- (4) that (a) approval be given to the amended SEV Policy Statement detailed in appendix 1 to the report, and (b) that it be adopted with effect from the date of the meeting; and
- (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 such further changes as are necessary, and thereafter to finalise and publish the SEV Policy Statement.

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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.

234 Application for Grant of a Taxi Driver's Licence 234

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235 Application for Grant of a Short-Term Let Licence 235

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