

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD – 14 DECEMBER 2011

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Wednesday 14 December 2011 at 3.00 pm

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Dorrian, Fyfe, Loughran (for McIlwee), MacLeod, McCallum, Moran, Rebecchi and White.

Chair: Councillor White presided.

In attendance: Mr F Jarvie (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services) and Inspector Thomson and Sergeant McDonald, Strathclyde Police.

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

810 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

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Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Grieve and McIlwee with Councillor Loughran substituting for Councillor McIlwee.

Councillor MacLeod and Moran declared a non-financial interest in Item 8 (Application for General Hire Taxi Operator Licence: Cathal McGhee)

The Chair requested the Board to consider an additional item (Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Christopher Smith). The Board agreed.

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.

811 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Alexander Houston

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for renewal of Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr Houston following a representation by Inverclyde Council's Environmental Enforcement and Licensing Standards Officer and Strathclyde Police.

Mr Jarvie advised the Board that Mr Houston had contacted the Licensing Office prior to today's meeting. Mr Houston indicated that he had not received any documentation in connection with his licence. All correspondence was copied and handed to Mr Houston, in the circumstances he requested the Board to continue his application to a further meeting.

Decided: to continue the application to the January 2012 meeting of the Board.

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- 812 Application for Taxi Driver’s Licence: David Turner 812**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for renewal of Taxi Driver’s Licence by Mr Turner following a medical examination. Mr Turner was present. Mr Jarvie addressed the Board in terms of the report. The Board heard Mr Turner in support of his application.
Decided: that the application be refused.
- 813 Application for Taxi Driver’s Licence: Kris Jarrett 813**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services on an application for a Taxi Driver’s Licence by Mr Jarrett following a Police objection. Mr Jarrett was not present or represented.
Decided: that the application be refused.
- 814 Application for Taxi Driver’s Licence: Sajid Noor 814**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for a Taxi Driver’s Licence by Mr Noor following a Police representation. Mr Noor was present. The Board heard Inspector Thomson in support of the Police representation and Mr Noor in support of his application.
Decided: that the application be granted.
- 815 Application for Taxi Driver’s Licence: Gerald Doyle 815**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for Taxi Driver’s Licence by Mr Doyle following a Police representation. Mr Doyle was not present or represented.
Decided: that the application be refused.
- Councillor MacLeod and Moran declared a non-financial interest in the following item and left the meeting.
- 816 Application for General Hire Taxi Operator Licence: Cathal McGhee 816**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for renewal of General Hire Taxi Operator Licence 75 following a Police representation. Mr McGhee was present with his representative Mr Lamb, Maitlands and Mr Brown was in attendance. The Board heard Inspector Thomson in support of the Police representation and Mr Lamb in support of the applicant.
Decided: that the application be granted.
- Councillor MacLeod and Moran returned to the meeting following consideration of this item.
- 817 Application for Taxi Driver’s Licence: Aaron McBryde 817**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for Taxi Driver’s Licence by Mr McBryde following a Police objection. Mr McBryde was present. The Board heard Inspector Thomson in support of the Police objection and Mr McBryde in support of his application.

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Decided: that the application be granted.

Inspector Thomson requested a Statement of Reasons in respect of the above item which was agreed.

818 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Christopher Smith

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr Smith following a Police representation. Mr Smith was present with his representative Mr Lamb, Maitlands. The Board heard Inspector Thomson in support of the Police representation and Mr Lamb in support of the applicant.

Decided: that the application be granted.

819 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Neil Williams

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for renewal of a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr Williams following a Police objection. Mr Williams was present with his representative Mr Lamb, Maitlands. Mr Jarvie advised the Board that this application had been continued from the previous meeting to allow for CCTV evidence to be produced. The Board heard from Mr Lamb in respect of the CCTV footage being played and moved that this evidence should not be viewed as it had already been the subject of Judicial decision. The Board heard from Inspector Thomson. After discussion the Board agreed not to view the CCTV footage and continued the Hearing. The Board heard from Mr Lamb in support of the applicant and Inspector Thomson in support of the Police objection. Mr Lamb was allowed to respond.

Decided: that the application be refused.