

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD – 11 JANUARY 2012

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Wednesday 11 January 2012 at 3.00 pm

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Dorrian, Fyfe, Grieve, MacLeod, McCallum, McIllwee, Moran, Rebecchi and White.

Chair: Councillor White presided.

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

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

13 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 13

No apologies or substitutions were intimated.

Councillor Rebecchi declared an interest in Agenda Item 4 (Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – Elizabeth Ferguson) by way of familiarity to the applicant.

Councillor Moran declared an interest in Agenda Item 7 (Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – Mark Brown) by way of familiarity to the applicant.

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.

14 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Alexander Houston 14

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 Houston was present.

The Board heard Mr Houston in support of his application and Sergeant MacDonald in support of the Police representation.

Decided: that the application be granted with warning.

15 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: John McLay 15

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr McLay following an objection by Strathclyde Police. Mr McLay was not present or represented.

Decided: that the application be refused.

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Councillor Rebecchi declared a non-financial interest in the next item by way of familiarity to the applicant which precluded his continued presence in the Chamber and his participation in the decision making process. He then left the meeting.

16 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Elizabeth Ferguson 16

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services on an application for renewal of Taxi Driver's Licence by Miss Ferguson following a Police representation. Miss Ferguson was present.

The Board heard Sergeant MacDonald in support of the Police representation and Miss Ferguson in support of her application.

Decided: that the application be granted with warning.

Councillor Rebecchi returned to the meeting following consideration of this item.

17 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Talha Bhatti 17

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr Bhatti following intimation from Strathclyde Police that Mr Bhatti had failed to make himself available for interview. Mr Bhatti was not present or represented.

Decided: that the application be refused.

18 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Joseph Cunningham 18

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr Cunningham following a Police representation. Mr Cunningham was not present or represented.

Decided: that the application be refused.

Councillor Moran declared a non-financial interest in the next item by way of familiarity to the applicant which precluded his continued presence in the Chamber and his participation in the decision making process. He then left the meeting.

19 Application for Renewal of Taxi Driver's Licence: Mark Brown 19

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for renewal of Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr Brown following a Police representation. Mr Brown was present with his representative Mr Lamb, Maitlands.

The Board heard Sergeant MacDonald in support of the Police representation and Mr Lamb in support of the applicant.

Decided: that the application be granted with warning.

Councillor Moran returned to the meeting following consideration of this item.

20 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Frank Shields 20

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr Shields following a Police objection. Mr

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Shields was not present or represented.

Decided: that the application be refused.

21 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: John Paul Diffin

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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 Diffin following a Police representation. Mr Diffin was not present or represented.

Decided: that the application be refused.

22 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Gordon McDaid

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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 McDaid following a Police objection. Mr McDaid was present.

The Board heard Sergeant MacDonald in support of the Police objection and Mr McDaid in support of his application.

After discussion the Board requested further information be received from relevant authorities before determining the application.

The Board enquired of Mr McDaid if he is willing for further information to be requested from outside agencies/authorities in respect of his application. Mr McDaid agreed and signed a Mandate in this regard.

(Note: Councillor Grieve left the meeting before decision being considered)

Decided: (i) remit to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to write to the relevant authorities requesting further information; and
(ii) continue consideration of the application to the next meeting of the Board.