

EPPING FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee: Licensing Sub-Committee **Date:** 7 July 2016

Place: Council Chamber, Civic Offices, High Street, Epping **Time:** 10.05 - 10.40 am

Members Present: B Surtees (Chairman), J Jennings, A Lion and B Rolfe

Other Councillors: -

Apologies: -

Officers Present: R Ferriera (Assistant Solicitor), K Tuckey (Licensing Manager) and G J Woodhall (Senior Democratic Services Officer)

10. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest pursuant to the Council's Member Code of Conduct.

11. PROCEDURE FOR THE CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

The Sub-Committee noted the agreed procedure for the conduct of business.

12. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

Resolved:

(1) That, in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the items of business set out below as they would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the relevant paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12(A) of the Act indicated and the exemption is considered to outweigh the potential public interest in disclosing the information:

<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Paragraph Number</u>
5	Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Mr Baker	1
6	Private Hire Driver's Licence – Mr Wooster	1

13. HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MR BAKER

The Sub-Committee noted that Mr Baker was unable to attend the meeting this morning, and this item had been deferred until the next scheduled meeting of the Sub-Committee on 2 August 2016.

14. PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MR WOOSTER

The Sub-Committee considered an application for the renewal of a Private Hire Driver's Licence by Mr Wooster. The three Councillors that presided over this item

were Cllrs Surtees (Chairman), J Jennings and A Lion. Members noted that Officers did not have delegated powers to grant this application and, as a result, the application had to be considered by the Sub-Committee.

The Chairman welcomed the Applicant and introduced the Members and Officers present. The Licensing Manager informed the Sub-Committee of the circumstances under which the Licence could not be issued under delegated authority.

The Applicant made a short statement in support of his application before answering a number of questions from Members of the Sub-Committee. The Applicant then made a short closing statement to the Sub-Committee before the Chairman requested that the Applicant leave the Chamber whilst the Sub-Committee debated the application in private.

The Chairman invited the Applicant back into the Chamber and informed him of the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

- (1) That the application for the renewal of a Private Hire Driver's Licence by Mr Wooster be granted; and
- (2) That the Applicant be given a stern warning over any future transgressions of his Licensing conditions.

15. INCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

Resolved:

- (1) That the public and press be invited back into the meeting for the remaining item of business.

16. NEW PREMISES LICENCE - RIVER PALACE CAFE, DOBBS WEIR ROAD, HODDESDON, ESSEX EN11 0AZ

The Sub-Committee noted that the Applicant was not in attendance, and efforts to contact the Applicant had not been successful. The Sub-Committee felt that the Application should be deferred to the next meeting, to give the Applicant a second opportunity to have their case heard.

Resolved:

- (1) That the Application for a new Premises Licence at River Palace Café, Dobbs Weir Road in Hoddesdon be deferred until the next scheduled meeting of the Sub-Committee on 2 August 2016.

CHAIRMAN