

EPPING FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee: Licensing Sub Committee **Date:** Tuesday, 5 April 2022

Place: Council Chamber - Civic Offices **Time:** 10.00 - 10.25 am

Members Present: Councillors R Morgan (Chairman), P Keska and Caroline Pond

Other Councillors: Councillors J Jennings

Apologies:

Officers Present: L Kirman (Democratic Services Officer), D Houghton (Licensing Compliance Officer) and G Oakley (Senior Legal Executive)

57. Declarations of Interest

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

58. Procedure for the Conduct of Business

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

59. Exclusion of Public and Press

Resolved:

That in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press should be excluded from the meeting for the items of business set out below on grounds that it would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the following paragraph(s) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act (as amended) or were confidential under Section 100(A)(2):

Agenda Item No	Subject	Exempt Information Paragraph Number
5	Private Hire Driver's Licence Application – Mr Garcia.	1

60. Private Hire Driver's Licence Application - Mr Garcia

The Sub-Committee considered an application for a Private Hire Driver's Licence from Mr Garcia. The three Councillors which presided over this item were Councillors: R Morgan (Chairman); P Keska; and C P Pond. The Sub-Committee noted that Officers did not have the necessary delegated authority and, as a result, this application had to be considered by the Sub-Committee.

The Chairman welcomed the Applicant and introduced the Members and Officers present. The Licensing Compliance Officer, D Houghton, informed the Sub-Committee of the circumstances relating to the application.

The Applicant made a short statement in support of his case before answering some questions from the members of the Sub-Committee. Mr C Ellis the holder of the operator's license for STS Taxis Ltd provided additional clarification on behalf of Mr Garcia. The Sub-Committee retired to consider the application.

The Sub-Committee returned to the meeting and the Chairman advised the participants of the Sub-Committee's decision. The Chairman also advised that the Sub-Committee had received no additional advice from Officers during their deliberations in private session.

Resolved:

That the application for a Private Hire Driver's Licence be granted for a period of three years as the Sub-Committee was satisfied the Applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a Driver's Licence, subject to:

- I. the applicant passing the Council's Knowledge Test, and
- II. the provision of a Group 2 Medical Certificate.

CHAIRMAN