

## **EPPING FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**Committee:** Licensing Sub-Committee                      **Date:** 10 January 2008

**Place:** Council Chamber, Civic Offices,                      **Time:** 10.00 - 11.10 am  
High Street, Epping

**Members Present:** Mrs P Smith, Mrs R Gadsby, T Richardson and J Wyatt

**Other Councillors:**

**Apologies:** P McMillan

**Officers Present:** J Nolan (Environmental Health Manager), A Mitchell (Assistant Head of Legal, Administration and Estates (Legal)), G J Woodhall (Democratic Services Officer) and K Tuckey (Environmental Services)

### **61. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

#### **RESOLVED:**

That, in accordance with the terms of reference for the Licensing Committee, Councillor Mrs P Smith be elected Chairman for the duration of the Sub-Committee meeting.

### **62. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The Sub-Committee noted that Councillor Mrs P Smith was substituting for Councillor P Macmillan, who had tendered his apologies for the meeting.

### **63. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

### **64. PROCEDURE FOR THE CONDUCT OF BUSINESS**

The Sub-Committee noted the agreed procedure for the conduct of business, and the terms of reference.

### **65. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

#### **RESOLVED:**

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 it would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the 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 No</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Exempt Information Paragraph Number</u>
6	Application for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Mr I Colvill	1
7	Application for a Private Hire Driver's Licence – Mr P Aldridge	1
8	Application for a Private Hire Driver's Licence – Mrs L Smith	1

**66. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISION) ACT 1976 - APPLICATION TO RENEW A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MR I COLVILL**

The Sub-Committee considered an application by Mr I Colvill for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence. The three Councillors that presided over this item were Councillors Mrs P Smith, Mrs R Gadsby and J Wyatt. 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 Environmental Health 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 to the Sub-Committee in support of his application, before answering a number of questions from members of the Sub-Committee. The Chairman requested that the applicant leave the Chamber whilst the Sub-Committee debated his application in private. The Chairman invited the applicant back into the Chamber and informed him of the Sub-Committee's decision.

**RESOLVED:**

That a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence be granted to Mr I Colvill, subject to the Council's standard terms and conditions.

**67. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISION) ACT 1976 - APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MR P ALDRIDGE**

The Sub-Committee considered an application by Mr P Aldridge for a Private Hire Driver's Licence. The three Councillors that presided over this item were Councillors Mrs P Smith, T Richardson and J Wyatt. Members noted that officers did not have delegated powers to grant the 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 Environmental Health 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 to the Sub-Committee in support of his application, before answering a number of questions from members of the Sub-Committee. The Chairman requested that the applicant leave the Chamber whilst the Sub-Committee debated his application in private. The Chairman invited the applicant back into the Chamber and informed him of the Sub-Committee's decision.

**RESOLVED:**

That the application by P Aldridge for a Private Hire Driver's Licence be refused as he did not meet the Council's licensing criteria in that his record from the Criminal Records Bureau revealed relevant offences under the conviction criteria.

**68. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISION) ACT 1976 - APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MRS L SMITH**

The Sub-Committee considered an application by Mrs L Smith for a Private Hire Driver's Licence. The three Councillors that presided over this item were Councillors Mrs P Smith, T Richardson and J Wyatt. Members noted that officers did not have delegated powers to grant the 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 Environmental Health 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 to the Sub-Committee in support of her application, before answering a number of questions from members of the Sub-Committee. 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 her of the Sub-Committee's decision.

**RESOLVED:**

That a Private Hire Driver's Licence be granted to Mrs L Smith, subject to the Council's standard terms and conditions.

**CHAIRMAN**