

## EPPING FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Committee:** Licensing Sub-Committee                      **Date:** 5 June 2008

**Place:** Council Chamber, Civic Offices, High Street, Epping                      **Time:** 10.00 - 10.40 am

**Members Present:** Mrs M McEwen, Mrs P Smith and J Wyatt

**Other Councillors:**

**Apologies:** Mrs R Gadsby

**Officers Present:** A Mitchell (Assistant Head (Legal) Principal Solicitor), K Tuckey (Senior Licensing Officer) and M Jenkins (Democratic Services Assistant)

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### 1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

#### RESOLVED:

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

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

### 3. PROCEDURE FOR THE CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

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

### 4. 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 License – Mr P Bunyan	1

7	Application for a Private Hire License (Driver) – Mr J Lawson	1
8	Application for a Hackney Carriage Driver's License – Mr M West	1

**5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISION) ACT 1976 - APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENSE - MR BUNYAN**

The Sub-Committee agreed to defer this case to the next meeting as the applicant was unavailable to attend the meeting.

**RESOLVED:**

That the application submitted by Mr P Bunyan for a Hackney Carriage Driver's License be deferred to the next meeting

**6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISION) ACT 1976 - APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS LICENSE - MR J LAWSON**

The Sub-Committee considered an application by Mr J Lawson for a Private Hire License (Driver). The Councillors that presided over this item were Councillors Mrs M McEwen, Mrs P Smith and J Wyatt. Members noted that officers did not have delegated powers to grant this application and, as a result, the application was considered by the Sub-Committee. The Chairman welcomed the applicant, and introduced the members and officers present. The Assistant Head (Legal) Principal Solicitor informed the Sub-Committee of the circumstances under which the license 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 Private Hire License (Driver) be granted to Mr J Lawson, subject to the Council's standard terms and conditions.

**7. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISION) ACT 1976 - APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS LICENSE - MR M WEST**

The Sub-Committee considered an application by Mr M West for a Hackney Carriage Driver's License. The Councillors that presided over this item were Councillors Mrs M McEwen, Mrs P Smith and J Wyatt. The Sub-Committee noted that officers did not have delegated powers to grant this application and, as a result, the application was considered by the Sub-Committee. The Chairman welcomed the applicant, introduced the members and officers present, and explained the procedure that would be followed for the determination of the application. The Assistant Head (Legal) Principal Solicitor informed the Sub-Committee of the circumstances under which the license 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 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 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 Mr M West for a Hackney Carriage Driver's License be refused.

**CHAIRMAN**