

EPPING FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee: Licensing Sub-Committee **Date:** 4 December 2008

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

Members Present: Mrs P Brooks, M Cohen, Mrs M McEwen and Mrs P Smith

Other Councillors:

Apologies: J Hart

Officers Present: A Mitchell (Assistant Director Legal Services), K Tuckey (Senior Licensing Officer) and A Hendry (Democratic Services Officer)

54. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor J Hart gave his apologies for this meeting. Councillor Mrs P Smith was kind enough to replace him.

55. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED:

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

56. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

57. PROCEDURE FOR THE CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

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

58. 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 item 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:

Agenda

Subject

Exempt Information

<u>Item No</u>		<u>Paragraph Number</u>
6	Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Mr J Choudhury	1
7	Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Mr B Brotherton	1
8	Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Mr A Standcumbe	1

59. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976 - APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENSE - MR J CHOUDHURY

The Sub-Committee considered an application by Mr J Choudhury for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence. The three Councillors that presided over this item were Councillors M Cohen, Mrs McEwen and Mrs Brooks. 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 Assistant Head of Legal Services 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 J Choudhury, subject to the Council's standard terms and conditions.

60. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976 - APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENSE - MR B BROTHERTON

The Sub-Committee considered an application by Mr B Brotherton for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence. The three Councillors that presided over this item were Councillors M Cohen, Mrs McEwen and Mrs Brooks. 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 Assistant Head of Legal Services 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 B Brotherton, subject to the Council's standard terms and conditions.

61. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976 - APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENSE - MR A STANDCUMBE

The Sub-Committee considered an application by Mr A Standcumbe for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence. The three Councillors that presided over this item were Councillors M Cohen, Mrs McEwen and Mrs Brooks. 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 Assistant Head of Legal Services 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 Mr A Standcumbe for a Renewal of a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence be suspended for a period of six months due to the Sub-Committee's concern over the traffic offences as explained. The Sub-Committee advised Mr Standcumbe that he should undertake a speed awareness course before he reapplied for a licence.

CHAIRMAN