### Committee Agenda



### *Licensing Sub-Committee Thursday, 4th February, 2010*

 Place:
 Council Chamber, Civic Offices, High Street, Epping

**Time:** 10.00 am

Democratic Services: Gary Woodhall (Office of the Chief Executive) Tel: 01992 564470 Email: gwoodhall@eppingforestdc.gov.uk

#### Members:

Councillors Mrs P Smith (Chairman), D Dodeja, Mrs M McEwen, J Wyatt and Mrs P Richardson.

#### PLEASE NOTE THE START TIME OF THE MEETING

#### 1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Under the terms of reference for the Licensing Committee each Sub-Committee is required to elect a Chairman on an ad hoc basis for the duration of the meeting.

#### 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

#### 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

(Assistant to the Chief Executive) To declare interests in any item on this agenda.

#### 4. PROCEDURE FOR THE CONDUCT OF BUSINESS (Pages 5 - 10)

#### 5. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

#### Exclusion

To consider whether, under 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 they will 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 are confidential under Section 100(A)(2):

Agenda Item No	Subject	Exempt Information Paragraph Number
6	Applications for Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licences	1

The Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006, which came into effect on 1 March 2006, requires the Council to consider whether maintaining the exemption listed above outweighs the potential public interest in disclosing the information. Any member who considers that this test should be applied to any currently exempted matter on this agenda should contact the proper officer at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

#### Confidential Items Commencement

Paragraph 9 of the Council Procedure Rules contained in the Constitution require:

- (1) All business of the Council requiring to be transacted in the presence of the press and public to be completed by 10.00 p.m. at the latest.
- (2) At the time appointed under (1) above, the Chairman shall permit the completion of debate on any item still under consideration, and at his or her discretion, any other remaining business whereupon the Council shall proceed to exclude the public and press.
- (3) Any public business remaining to be dealt with shall be deferred until after the completion of the private part of the meeting, including items submitted for report rather than decision.

#### Background Papers

Paragraph 8 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules of the Constitution define background papers as being documents relating to the subject matter of the report which in the Proper Officer's opinion:

- (a) disclose any facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the report is based; and
- (b) have been relied on to a material extent in preparing the report and does not include published works or those which disclose exempt or confidential information (as defined in Rule 10) and in respect of executive reports, the advice of any political advisor.

Inspection of background papers may be arranged by contacting the officer responsible for the item.

## 6. APPLICATIONS FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE (Pages 11 - 16)

The following appeal statement from Mr Ahmed has been received following publication of the agenda.

#### 7. INCLUSION OF PUBLIC & PRESS

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

#### 8. BREACH OF TAXI INTERIM TEST (Pages 17 - 22)

To consider, under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 and the Town & Police Clauses Act 1847, breaches of the Taxi Interim Test by the

following individuals:

- (i) Mr Shah Ali;
- (ii) Mr J Tew;
- (iii) Olympic Taxis;
- (iv) Mr Ahmed;
- (v) Mr Firth;
- (vi) Mr Uddin; and
- (vii) Mr Bashir.

# 9. REQUEST TO REVIEW A PREMISES LICENCE - THE MINX, 126 HIGH ROAD, LOUGHTON (Pages 23 - 106)

The following additional documents have been received following the publication of the agenda.