

EPPING FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee: Licensing Sub-Committee **Date:** 1 June 2010

Place: Council Chamber, Civic Offices, **Time:** 10.30 - 11.15 am
High Street, Epping

Members Present: Mrs M McEwen, Mrs P Brooks, D Dodeja and Ms J Hedges

Other Councillors:

Apologies:

Officers Present: K Tuckey (Senior Licensing Officer), R Ferriera (Assistant Solicitor) and M Jenkins (Democratic Services Assistant)

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was noted that in accordance with the decision taken at the Annual Council meeting on 25 May 2010, Councillor Mrs M McEwen was elected Chairman of the Licensing Sub-Committee for the duration of the meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

That the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the items of business set out below on the grounds that they would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972:

<u>Agenda Item No</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Exempt Information Paragraph Number</u>
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5. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MR RAJA

The Sub-Committee considered an application by Mr Raja for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence. The three councillors that presided over this item were Councillors Mrs M McEwen, D Dodeja and Mrs J Hedges. 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 Solicitor 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 Raja, subject to the Council's standard terms and conditions.

6. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MR AKAR

The Sub-Committee considered an application by Mr Akar for a renewal of a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence. The three councillors that presided over this item were Councillors Mrs M McEwen, Mrs P Brooks and D Dodeja. 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 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 the renewal of a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence be granted to Mr Akar, subject to the Council's standard terms and conditions.

7. INCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED:

That the public and press be invited back into the meeting for the remaining items of business.

8. BREACH OF TAXI INTERIM TESTS

The Licensing Unit had identified a breach in the licensing conditions of the following person in respect of interim vehicle tests not having been completed:

- Mr Linnard

However since the agenda for this meeting had been published the Sub-Committee were informed that satisfactory inspections had been completed.

RESOLVED:

That the Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence for Mr Linnard continue as an inspection had been satisfactorily carried out.

CHAIRMAN