

EPPING FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee: Licensing Sub-Committee **Date:** 7 June 2011

Place: Council Chamber, Civic Offices, **Time:** 10.00 - 10.47 am
High Street, Epping

Members Present: Mrs P Smith (Chairman), Mrs R Gadsby, L Leonard and A Lion

Other Councillors: G Waller

Apologies:

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

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

2. PROCEDURE FOR THE CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

The Sub-Committee noted the agreed procedure for the conduct of business, and the Terms of Reference.

3. 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 they 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>
5	Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Mr Knott	1
6	Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Mr Silverstone	1
7	Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Mr Roland	1

4. NEW HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS LICENCE APPLICATION - MR KNOTT

As Mr Knott failed to appear at this meeting, his application was not considered.

5. NEW HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS LICENCE APPLICATION - MR SILVERSTONE

The Sub-Committee considered an application by Mr Silverstone for a Taxi licence. The three councillors that presided over this item were Councillors Mrs P Smith, A Lion and L Leonard.

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 Legal Officer 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 their 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 Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence for Mr Silverstone be granted.

6. HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS LICENCE - MR ROLAND

The Sub-Committee considered an application by Mr Roland for a Hackney Carriage Drivers licence and whether to refuse to renew his licence. The three councillors that presided over this item were Councillors Mrs P Smith, A Lion and L Leonard.

Members noted that officers did not have delegated powers to grant a new licence 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 Legal Officer 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 Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence for Mr Roland be granted.

7. INCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED:

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

8. PREMISES LICENCE APPLICATION - GAYNES PARK, BANKS LANE, COOPERSALE, EPPING

The Sub-Committee noted that that applicants, Gaynes Park Estates, had reached an agreement with the Essex Police and Epping Forest District Council's Environment and Street Scene Directorate which has proved acceptable to both sides. Therefore, this item was withdrawn from consideration.

CHAIRMAN