

EPPING FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee: Licensing Sub-Committee **Date:** 8 November 2011

Place: Council Chamber, Civic Offices, **Time:** 10.30 am - 12.00 pm
High Street, Epping

Members Present: D Wixley (Chairman), A Lion, R Morgan and W Pryor

Other Councillors: -

Apologies: K Chana

Officers Present: K Tuckey (Senior Licensing Officer), R Ferriera (Assistant Solicitor) and G J Woodhall (Democratic Services Officer)

39. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

40. PROCEDURE FOR THE CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

The Sub-Committee noted the agreed procedure for the conduct of business.

41. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

Resolved:

(1) 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:

<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Exempt Paragraph</u>
5	Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Mr Ahmed	1
6	Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Mr M Mughal	1

42. HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MR N AHMED

The Sub-Committee - comprising Councillors D Wixley, A Lion and W Pryor - considered an application for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence by Mr N Ahmed. The Sub-Committee noted that the application could not be dealt with under delegated powers by Officers and, as a result, the application had to be considered by the Sub-Committee.

The Assistant Solicitor reported that the applicant had been admitted to Hospital and had requested his application be deferred until he had recovered sufficiently to attend.

Resolved:

- (1) That the application for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence by Mr Ahmed be deferred.

43. HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MR M MUGHAL

The Sub-Committee - comprising Councillors D Wixley, A Lion and W Pryor - considered an application for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence by Mr M Mughal. The Sub-Committee noted that the application could not be dealt with under delegated powers by Officers 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 granted 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 then 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:

- (1) That the application by Mr M Mughal for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence be refused on the grounds that his Criminal Records Bureau check had revealed offences contrary to the Council's Licensing Policy.

44. INCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

Resolved:

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

45. HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE LICENCE - MR CAVOS

The Sub-Committee - comprising Councillors D Wixley, A Lion and W Pryor - was informed that the Council's Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence conditions required vehicles to be submitted for interim examinations at testing premises approved by the Council. Mr Cavos (Licence Plate H934) was in breach of this condition, despite two reminders, and had been referred to the Sub-Committee for consideration. Following the publication of the agenda, Mr Cavos had surrendered his Hackney Carriage Licence Plate to the Council, and therefore the Sub-Committee no longer had to consider the issue.

46. HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE LICENCE - MR J EL SAYED

The Sub-Committee – comprising Councillors D Wixley, A Lion and W Pryor - was

informed that the Council's Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence conditions required vehicles to be submitted for interim examinations at testing premises approved by the Council. Mr J El Sayed (Licence Plate H1043) was in breach of this condition, despite two reminders, and had been referred to the Sub-Committee for consideration. Following the publication of the agenda, Mr J El Sayed's vehicle had passed its interim examination and therefore the licence could continue.

Resolved:

(1) That the Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence for Mr J El Sayed be continued as his vehicle inspection had now been satisfactorily carried out.

47. HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE LICENCE - MR FESTA

The Sub-Committee – comprising Councillors D Wixley, A Lion and W Pryor - was informed that the Council's Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence conditions required vehicles to be submitted for interim examinations at testing premises approved by the Council. Mr Festa (Licence Plate H051) was in breach of this condition, despite two reminders, and had been referred to the Sub-Committee for consideration. Following the publication of the agenda, Mr Festa's vehicle had passed its interim examination and therefore the licence could continue.

Resolved:

(1) That the Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence for Mr Festa be continued as his vehicle inspection had now been satisfactorily carried out.

48. HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE LICENCE - MR FORD

The Sub-Committee – comprising Councillors D Wixley, A Lion and W Pryor - was informed that the Council's Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence conditions required vehicles to be submitted for interim examinations at testing premises approved by the Council. Mr Ford (Licence Plate H1100) was in breach of this condition, despite two reminders, and had been referred to the Sub-Committee for consideration.

Resolved:

(1) That the Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence for Mr Ford be revoked due to the failure to submit his vehicle for inspection, as required by the Council.

49. HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE LICENCE - MR HUSSANI

The Sub-Committee – comprising Councillors D Wixley, A Lion and W Pryor - was informed that the Council's Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence conditions required vehicles to be submitted for interim examinations at testing premises approved by the Council. Mr Hussani (Licence Plate H1140) was in breach of this condition, despite two reminders, and had been referred to the Sub-Committee for consideration. Following the publication of the agenda, Mr Hussani had surrendered his Hackney Carriage Licence Plate to the Council, and therefore the Sub-Committee no longer had to consider the issue.

CHAIRMAN