

## EPPING FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Committee:** Licensing Sub-Committee                      **Date:** 6 December 2011

**Place:** Council Chamber, Civic Offices, High Street, Epping                      **Time:** 10.35 am - 2.45 pm

**Members Present:** Mrs P Smith (Chairman), L Leonard, Mrs M Sartin and Mrs J Sutcliffe

**Other Councillors:**

**Apologies:** Mrs R Gadsby

**Officers Present:** R Ferriera (Assistant Solicitor), K Tuckey (Senior Licensing Officer) and A Hendry (Democratic Services Officer)

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### 50. SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS (COUNCIL MINUTE 39 - 23.7.02)

The Sub-Committee noted that Councillor Sutcliffe was substituting for Councillor Gadsby.

### 51. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

### 52. PROCEDURE FOR THE CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

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

### 53. 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:

<b><u>Agenda Item No</u></b>	<b><u>Subject</u></b>	<b><u>Exempt Information Paragraph Number</u></b>
6	Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Mr N Ahmed	1
7	Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Mr A Ahmed	1
8	Review Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Mr A Basith	1
9	Review Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Mr Singh-Manget	1

10	Review Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Mr Uddin	1
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**54. HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MR N AHMED**

The Sub-Committee considered an application by Mr N Ahmed for a Taxi licence. The three councillors that presided over this item were Councillors P Smith, M Sartin and J Sutcliffe.

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 his wife 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 N Ahmed be granted.

**55. HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MR A AHMED**

The Sub-Committee considered an application by Mr A Ahmed for a Taxi licence. The three councillors that presided over this item were Councillors P Smith, M Sartin and J Sutcliffe.

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 his wife 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 A Ahmed be granted, conditional on him passing the Council's Knowledge Test and medical.

**56. REVIEW HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MR A BASITH**

The Sub-Committee considered an application by Mr A Basith for a renewal of a Taxi licence. The three councillors that presided over this item were Councillors P Smith, M Sartin and J Sutcliffe.

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 renewal of the Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence for Mr A Basith be granted, conditional on him passing the Council's Knowledge Test.

**57. REVIEW HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MR S SINGH MANGET**

The Sub-Committee considered an application by Mr S Singh-Manget for a renewal of a Taxi licence. The three councillors that presided over this item were Councillors P Smith, M Sartin 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 renewal of the Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence for Mr S Singh-Manget be granted.

**58. REVIEW OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MR UDDIN**

The Sub-Committee considered an application by Mr K A Uddin for the continuation of his Taxi licence. The three councillors that presided over this item were Councillors P Smith, M Sartin 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 renewal of the Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence for Mr K A Uddin be granted, conditional on him providing proof, on a monthly basis (on the same specified day or days) of his insurance.

**59. INCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

**RESOLVED:**

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

**60. SAMPLE LETTERS REGARDING HACKNEY CARRIAGE INTERIM TESTS**

The sample letter sent to drivers regarding Hackney Carriage Interim tests were noted by the Sub-committee.

**61. HACKNEY CARRIAGE PROPRIETOR'S LICENCE - MR D CRABBE**

The Sub-committee noted that Mr D Crabbe had submitted his vehicle for an interim test and was no longer in breach of his licence conditions.

**62. HACKNEY CARRIAGE PROPRIETOR'S LICENCE - MR JACK**

The Sub-Committee noted that Mr D Jack had surrendered his plate and was no longer a licensed Hackney Carriage Driver.

**63. HACKNEY CARRIAGE PROPRIETOR'S LICENCE - MR R POATE**

The Sub-committee noted that Mr R Poate had booked an appointment to have his vehicle inspected for 6<sup>th</sup> December 2011; and was no longer considered to be in breach of his licensing conditions.

**CHAIRMAN**