

EPPING FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee: Licensing Sub-Committee **Date:** 5 February 2013

Place: Council Chamber, Civic Offices, **Time:** 10.00 - 11.30 am
High Street, Epping

Members Present: R Morgan (Chairman), A Lion, P Spencer and D Wixley

Other Councillors:

Apologies:

Officers Present: R Ferriera (Assistant Solicitor), N Clarke (Licensing Officer), J Owen (Licensing Admin) and A Hendry (Democratic Services Officer)

55. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

56. PROCEDURE FOR THE CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

The Sub-Committee noted the agreed procedure for the Conduct of Business and the Terms of Reference.

57. 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 No</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Exempt Information Paragraph Number</u>
5	Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Mr R Kazimi	1
6	Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Mr Rahman	1
7	Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Mr A Shariff	1
8	Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Mr J Schwartz	1

58. APPLICATION FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MR R KAZIMI

The Sub-Committee considered an application by Mr R Kazimi for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence. The three Councillors that presided over this item were Councillors R Morgan, A Lion and P Spencer. 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 by which the licence could not be issued under delegated authority.

The applicant made a short statement in support of his application, before answering a number of questions from members of the Sub-Committee. The applicant then made a short closing statement to the Sub-Committee before the Chairman requested that the applicant leave the Chamber whilst the Sub-Committee debated this 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 R Kazimi, subject to the Council's standard terms and conditions.

59. APPLICATION FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MR H RAHMAN

As the applicant Mr H Rahman was not present, his application was deferred to a future meeting.

60. APPLICATION FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MR A SHARIFF

The Sub-Committee considered an application by Mr A Shariff for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence. The three Councillors that presided over this item were Councillors R Morgan, A Lion and D Wixley. 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 by which the licence could not be issued under delegated authority.

The applicant made a short statement in support of his application, before answering a number of questions from members of the Sub-Committee. The applicant then made a short closing statement to the Sub-Committee before the Chairman requested that the applicant leave the Chamber whilst the Sub-Committee debated this 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 A Shariff, subject to the Council's standard terms and conditions.

61. TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE - MR J SCHWARTZ

Mr Schwartz had asked if his application could be deferred. The Sub-Committee agreed that his application be deferred to the next suitable meeting.

62. INCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED:

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

63. APPLICATION FOR NEW PREMISES LICENCE - NANDOS, 2 STATION ROAD, LOUGHTON

The application for Nandos was deferred to a future meeting.

CHAIRMAN