

## EPPING FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Committee:** Licensing Sub-Committee                      **Date:** 11 June 2013

**Place:** Council Chamber, Civic Offices,                      **Time:** 10.30 am - 12.30 pm  
High Street, Epping

**Members Present:** A Boyce (Chairman), L Leonard, Mrs M Sartin and P Spencer

**Other Councillors:**

**Apologies:**

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

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#### 4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

#### 5. PROCEDURE FOR THE CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

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

#### 6. 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:

Agenda Item No	Subject	Exempt Information Paragraph Number
5	Application for a New Personal Licence – Mr Hodges	1
6	Existing Driver Renewal Suspend or Revoke – Mr Askem	1
7	Application for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Mr B Khan	1
8	Application for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Mr Azizi	1
9	Application for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence	1

	– Mr G Torun	
10	Application for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence	1
	– Mr S Chowdhury	
11	Application for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence - Mr Hedges	1

#### 7. APPLICATION FOR NEW PERSONAL LICENCE - MR HODGES

The Sub-Committee considered an application for a new Personal Licence for Mr Hodges. The three Councillors that presided over this item were Councillors A Boyce, L Leonard and Mrs M Sartin. Members noted 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. Peter Jones was also in attendance for Essex Police.

The applicant read a prepared statement and provided the Sub-Committee with three character references. The Sub-Committee asked the applicant a number of questions. The objections were then put forward by P Jones, Essex Police.

The applicant then made a short closing statement to the Sub-Committee before they left the Chamber to the debated this application in private. The Sub-Committee returned to the Chamber and informed him of the Sub-Committee decision.

#### RESOLVED:

That the application for a Personal Licence for Mr Hodges be granted subject to the Council's standard terms and conditions.

#### 8. EXISTING DRIVER RENEWAL SUSPEND OR REVOKE - MR ASKEM

The Sub-Committee considered an existing driver application by Mr Askem for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence. The three Councillors that presided over this item were Councillors A Boyce, P Spencer and L Leonard. Members noted 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 Director of Corporate Support Services (Legal) informed the Sub-Committee of the circumstances by which the licence could not be issued under delegated authority.

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 decision.

#### RESOLVED:

That the Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence for Mr Askem be renewed, subject to the Council's standard terms and conditions.

#### 9. APPLICATION FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MR B KHAN

The Sub-Committee was advised that Mr Khan had requested that his application be deferred. The Sub-Committee agreed that his application be deferred to the next suitable meeting.

**RESOLVED:**

That the application for a Driver's Licence for Mr Khan be deferred to the next suitable meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee.

**10. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MR AZIZI**

The Sub-Committee considered an existing driver application by Mr Azizi for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence. The three Councillors that presided over this item were Councillors A Boyce, P Spencer and Mrs M Sartin. Members noted 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 Director of Corporate Support Services (Legal) informed the Sub-Committee of the circumstances by which the licence could not be issued under delegated authority.

The applicant then made a short closing statement to the Sub-Committee before they left the Chamber to the debated this application in private. The Sub-Committee returned to the Chamber and informed him of the Sub-Committee decision.

**RESOLVED:**

That the application for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence for Mr Azizi be adjourned to allow the applicant to produced the following evidence in support of his application;

- (a) That the applicant provides proof of his ability to obtain car insurance;
- (b) That the applicant provides proof of his ability to get a suitable vehicle;
- (c) That the applicant provides written confirmation of a job offer;
- (d) That the applicant provides character reference; and
- (e) That the applicant provides proof of membership of clubs or community work.

**11. APPLICATION FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MR G TORUN**

The Sub-Committee was advised that the application for Mr G Torun should be deferred, due to the EFDC Website conveying information about cancelled meetings on the day of the Licensing Sub-Committee. The Sub-Committee agreed that his application be deferred to the next suitable meeting.

**RESOLVED:**

That the application for a Driver's Licence for Mr G Toran be deferred to the next suitable meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee.

**12. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MR S CHOWDHURY**

The Sub-Committee was advised that the application for Mr S Chowdhury should be deferred, due to the EFDC Website conveying information about cancelled meetings

on the day of the Licensing Sub-Committee. The Sub-Committee agreed that his application be deferred to the next suitable meeting.

**RESOLVED:**

That the application for a Driver's Licence for Mr S Chowdhury be deferred to the next suitable meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee.

**13. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE PROPRIETORS LICENCE - MR HEDGES**

The Sub-Committee was advised that Mr Hedges had requested that his application be deferred for personal reasons. The Sub-Committee agreed that his application be deferred to the next suitable meeting.

**RESOLVED:**

That the application for a Driver's Licence for Mr Hedges be deferred to the next suitable meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee.

**CHAIRMAN**