

## EPPING FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Committee:** Licensing Sub-Committee                      **Date:** 8 October 2013

**Place:** Council Chamber, Civic Offices,                      **Time:** 10.30 - 11.00 am  
High Street, Epping

**Members Present:** P Spencer (Chairman), P Keska, R Morgan and Mrs P Smith

**Other Councillors:**

**Apologies:** Mrs R Gadsby

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

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### 78. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr R Gadsby had tendered her apologies, Cllr P Smith was substituting.

### 79. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

### 80. PROCEDURE FOR THE CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

The Sub-Committee noted the agreed procedure for the conduct of business, and the terms of reference.

### 81. 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>Paragraph Number</u>
5	Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Mr A Mehmood	1

### 82. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MR A MEHMOOD

The Sub-Committee considered an application by Mr A Mehmood for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence. The Sub-Committee for this item consisted of Councillors

P Spencer, P Keska and R Morgan. The 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 and indicated that he had received a letter of employment from Chigwell Cars if his application for a Licence was successful. The Applicant answered a number of questions from members of the Sub-Committee, before making a short closing statement. 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:**

(1) That a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence be granted to Mr A Mehmood, subject to the Council's standard terms and conditions and the production of the letter of employment from Chigwell Cars.

**83. INCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

**Resolved:**

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

**84. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE PROPRIETOR'S LICENCE - MR S RAHMAN**

The Sub-Committee considered an application by Mr S Rahman for a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence. The Sub-Committee for this item consisted of Councillors P Spencer, P Keska and R Morgan. The 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 Legal Officer informed the Sub-Committee of the circumstances by which the Licence could not be issued under delegated authority. Mr Rahman had applied for a new Vehicle Licence but the vehicle had only three doors. The Council's Licensing conditions stated that there had to be a minimum of four doors, one adjacent to each seat and capable of being opened from the inside. Mr Rahman had already purchased the vehicle and wished to appeal to the Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee was informed that the Applicant was not in attendance, and it was decided to defer the application to the next scheduled meeting of the Sub-Committee to allow the Applicant to put forward his case.

**Resolved:**

(1) That the application for a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence by Mr S Rahman be deferred until the meeting scheduled for 12 November 2013.

**CHAIRMAN**