

EPPING FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee: Licensing Sub-Committee **Date:** 14 March 2013

Place: Council Chamber, Civic Offices, **Time:** 10.30 am - 1.20 pm
High Street, Epping

Members Present: Mrs M Sartin (Chairman), A Boyce, Mrs R Gadsby and L Leonard

Other Councillors:

Apologies:

Officers Present: A Mitchell (Assistant Director (Legal)), K Tuckey (Senior Licensing Officer), J Owen (Licensing Admin) and M Jenkins (Democratic Services Assistant)

74. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

75. PROCEDURE FOR THE CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

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

76. 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	Application for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence - Mr Hedges	1
6	Application for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence - Mr A Kesgin	1
7	Application for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence - Mr J Schwartz	1

8	Application for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence - Mr H Rahman	1
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77. HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS LICENCE - MR HEDGES

The Sub-Committee considered an application by Mr Hedges for a renewal of an existing Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence. The three Councillors that presided over this item were Councillors Mrs M Sartin, Mrs R Gadsby and L Leonard. 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 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 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 Hedges shall not be renewed at present as there were concerns that the current insurance policy was being investigated. The Sub-Committee gave delegated authority to the Senior Licensing Officer to issue a licence on production of a valid insurance policy which had been issued for one year.

78. HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS LICENCE - MR A KESGIN

The Sub-Committee considered an application by Mr A Kesgin for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence. The three Councillors that presided over this item were Councillors Mrs M Sartin, A Boyce 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 A Kesgin be suspended until the Council receives written confirmation from the insurance company that the applicant had a valid insurance policy for his vehicle or be suspended for a maximum of three months if the letter is received when the case will come back to the Sub-Committee for further consideration.

79. HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS LICENCE - MR J SCHWARTZ

The Sub-Committee was advised that Mr J Schwartz's application should 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 J Schwartz be deferred to the next suitable meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee.

80. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS LICENCE - MR RAHMAN

The Sub-Committee considered an application by Mr Rahman for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence. The three Councillors that presided over this item were Councillors Mrs M Sartin, A Boyce 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 application for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence by Mr Rahman be refused as he had committed a number of driving related offences.

81. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MR S JONES

The Sub-Committee was advised that Mr S Jones had withdrawn his application for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence.

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

The Sub-Committee was advised that, despite numerous attempts to contact him by officers, Mr S Chowdhury had not responded. The Sub-Committee agreed that Mr S Chowdhury should be informed of the next Sub-Committee meeting date and then members decide there as to whether to proceed with the application or not.

RESOLVED:

That the application for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence for Mr S Chowdhury be deferred to the next meeting of the sub-committee.

83. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MR D MCCANN

The Sub-Committee was advised that Mr D McCann had withdrawn his application for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence.

CHAIRMAN