

EPPING FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee: Licensing Sub-Committee **Date:** 15 July 2014

Place: Council Chamber, Civic Offices, **Time:** 10.05 am - 1.25 pm
High Street, Epping

Members Present: Mrs M Sartin (Chairman), H Mann, A Boyce and Mrs T Thomas

Other Councillors:

Apologies:

Officers Present: K Tuckey (Senior Licensing Officer), R Ferriera (Assistant Solicitor), S Kitts (Licensing Officer) and M Jenkins (Democratic Services Assistant)

14. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

15. PROCEDURE FOR THE CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

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

16. 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 paragraph 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 S Choudhury	1
6	Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Mr S Manget	1
7	Application for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Mr M Ealaj	1

8	Application for a Private Hire Operators Licence – Mr M Ockenden	1
9	Application for a Private Hire Driver's Licence – Ms M Ockenden	1

17. DRIVER'S LICENCE - MR CHOUDHURY

The Sub-Committee considered an application by Mr S Choudhury for renewal of a current Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence, due for expiration on 15 July 2014. Councillors M Sartin, H Mann and T Thomas presided over this item. 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 Licensing 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 Sub-Committee Members retired from the meeting to debate the application in private. The Sub-Committee Members returned to the Committee Room and informed the applicant of the Sub-Committee's decision.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence for Mr S Choudhury be renewed;
and
- (2) That the applicant, Mr S Chowdhury, be advised that the licensing authority must be notified if any offences or convictions are incurred.

18. DRIVER'S LICENCE - MR S MANGET

The Sub-Committee considered an application by Mr S Manget to renew a current Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence, due to expire on 15 July 2014. The Councillors who presided over this item were Councillors M Sartin, T Thomas and H Mann. 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 Licensing 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 Sub-Committee Members retired from the meeting to debate the application in private. The Sub-Committee Members returned to the Committee Room and informed the applicant of the Sub-Committee's decision.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence for Mr S Manget be renewed;
and

- (2) That the applicant, Mr S Manget, be advised that the licensing authority's terms and conditions must always be complied with and that any offences/convictions incurred must immediately be reported to the licensing authority.

19. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MR M EALAJ

The Sub-Committee considered an application by Mr M Ealaj for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence. Councillors M Sartin, T Boyce and H Mann presided over this item. Members noted that officers did not have delegated authority 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 Licensing 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 made a short closing statement to the Sub-Committee before the Sub-Committee Members retired from the meeting to debate the application in private. The Sub-Committee Members returned to the Committee Room and informed the applicant of the Sub-Committee's decision.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the application for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence for Mr M Ealaj be granted for 1 year; and
- (2) That the applicant, Mr M Ealaj, be advised that the licensing authority must be notified immediately if any offences/convictions are incurred. The applicant was reminded that the authority did not issue dual plates.

20. APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE HIRE OPERATORS LICENCE - MS M OCKENDEN

The Sub-Committee considered an application by Ms M Ockenden for a Private Hire Operators Licence. The Sub-Committee for this item consisted of councillors M Sartin, H Mann and T Thomas. 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 Licensing Officer informed the Sub-Committee of the circumstances by which the licence could not be issued under delegated authority.

The applicant was accompanied by her step-father, Mr P Valentine, she 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 Sub-Committee Members retired from the meeting to debate this application in private. The Sub-Committee Members returned to the Committee Room and informed the applicant of the Sub-Committee decision.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the Application for a Private Hire Operator's Licence for Ms M Ockenden be granted for 1 year; and

- (2) That the applicant be advised that any change in the administration of the business be notified to the licensing authority immediately.

21. APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MS M OCKENDEN

The Sub-Committee considered an application by Ms M Ockenden for a Private Hire Driver's Licence. Councillors M Sartin, H Mann and T Thomas presided over this item. 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 Licensing Officer informed the Sub-Committee of the circumstances by which the licence could not be issued under delegated authority.

The applicant was accompanied by her step-father, Mr P Valentine, she made a short statement in support of her 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 Sub-Committee Members retired from the meeting to discuss the application in private. The Sub-Committee Members then returned to the Committee Room and informed the applicant of the Sub-Committee decision.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the Application for a Private Hire Driver's Licence for Ms M Ockenden be granted for 1 year providing that the applicant passes the District Council's Knowledge Test.

CHAIRMAN