

EPPING FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee: Licensing Sub-Committee **Date:** 12 August 2014

Place: Council Chamber, Civic Offices, **Time:** 10.05 - 10.31 am
High Street, Epping

Members Present: Mrs T Thomas (Chairman), J Hart, B Rolfe and Mrs J H Whitehouse

Other Councillors: Ms G Shiel

Apologies:

Officers Present: K Tuckey (Senior Licensing Officer), L Cole (Legal Services Officer) and M Jenkins (Democratic Services Assistant)

22. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

23. PROCEDURE FOR THE CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

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

24. 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:

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25. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MR L RAHMAN

The Sub-Committee considered an application by Mr L Rahman for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence. Councillors T Thomas, J Hart and B Rolfe 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 Chairman requested that the applicant leave the Chamber whilst the Sub-Committee debated the application in private. The Members received advice from the Legal Officer present regarding Sections 2 and 3 of the Licensing Policy, which related to discretion in considering previous convictions. The Chairman invited the applicant back into the Chamber and informed him of the Sub-Committee's decision.

RESOLVED:

That the application for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence for Mr L Rahman be refused, as the Sub-Committee was not satisfied that the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold such a licence.

CHAIRMAN