

EPPING FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee: Licensing Sub-Committee **Date:** 9 September 2014

Place: Council Chamber, Civic Offices, **Time:** 10.00 - 11.15 am
High Street, Epping

Members Present: R Morgan (Chairman), D Dorrell, P Keska and Mrs T Thomas

Other Councillors:

Apologies:

Officers Present: L Cole (Legal Services Officer), S Kitts (Licensing Officer), J Owen (Licensing Compliance Officer) and R Perrin (Democratic Services Assistant)

23. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

24. PROCEDURE FOR THE CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

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

25. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

That the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the items of business set out below on the grounds that they would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972:

Agenda Item No	Subject	Exempt Information Paragraph Number
5	Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Mr Qureshi	1
6	Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Mr T Houghton	1
7	Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Mr M Malik	1
8	Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Mr Tingey	1

26. REORDERING OF THE AGENDA ITEMS

The Licensing Officer advised that not all the applicants had arrived and asked that the applications be taken as the applicant arrived.

RESOLVED:

That the Chairman agreed to the re-ordering of the agenda.

27. APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MR TINGEY

The Sub-Committee considered an application by Mr Tingey for a Private Hire Driver's Licence. Councillors R Morgan, P Keska 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. Mr Tingey had brought his prospective employee, Mr Andrews. The Licensing Officer informed the Sub-Committee of the circumstances by which the licence could not be issued under delegated authority and advised that Mr Tingey was applying for a Private Hire Driver's Licence not a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence as stated on the agenda.

The applicant made a short statement in support of his application, before answering a number of questions from Members of the Sub-Committee. Mr Andrews spoke on behalf of the applicant. 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 no advice from the Legal Officer. The Chairman invited the applicant back into the Chamber and informed him of the Sub-Committee's decision.

RESOLVED:

That the application for a Private Hire Driver's Licence for Mr Tingey be granted subject to the Council's standard terms and conditions.

28. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MR T HOUGHTON

The Sub-Committee considered an application by Mr T Houghton for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence. Councillors R Morgan, D Dorrell 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 Chairman requested that the applicant leave the Chamber whilst the Sub-Committee debated the application in private. The Members received no advice from the Legal Officer.

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 T Houghton be granted subject to the Council's standard terms and conditions.

29. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MR M MALIK

The Sub-Committee considered an application by Mr Malik for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence. Councillors R Morgan, D Dorrell 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 Chairman requested that the applicant leave the Chamber whilst the Sub-Committee debated the application in private. The Members received no advice from the Legal Officer. 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 Malik be refused, as the Sub-Committee was not satisfied that the applicant had enough driving experience inline with the Council's policy.

30. DRIVER'S LICENCE RENEWAL - MR QURESHI

The Sub-Committee considered an application by Mr Qureshi for renewal of a current Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence, due for expiration on 9 September 2014. Councillors R Morgan, D Dorrell and P Keska 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 no advice from the Legal Officer. 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 Qureshi be renewed subject to the Council's standard terms and conditions.

CHAIRMAN