

## EPPING FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Committee:** Licensing Sub-Committee                      **Date:** 10 February 2015

**Place:** Council Chamber, Civic Offices,                      **Time:** 10.00 am - 12.15 pm  
High Street, Epping

**Members Present:** K Adams, A Boyce (Chairman), H Mann and B Rolfe

**Apologies:** J Hart

**Officers Present:** R Perrin (Democratic Services Assistant), K Tuckey (Licensing Manager),  
L Cole (Legal Services Officer) and R Powell (Licensing Compliance Officer)

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### 72. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The apologies of Councillor J Hart were noted as indicated above, it was further advised that Councillor K Adams had kindly agreed to substitute for him.

### 73. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

### 74. 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:

<b><u>Agenda Item No</u></b>	<b><u>Subject</u></b>	<b><u>Exempt Information Paragraph Number</u></b>
5	Review of a Private Hire Driver's Licence - Mr. Hassan	1
6	Application for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence - Mr M Bendrih	1
7	Application for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence - Mr M Quinn	1
8	Application for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence - Mr K Pervez	1
9	Application for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence	1

- Mr T Hughes

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**Application for a Hackney  
Carriage Driver's Licence  
- Mr L Miah**

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**75. REVIEW OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MR. HASSAN**

The Sub-Committee considered what action to take in relation to the current Private hire Driver's licence for Mr Hassan following a complaint. The three Councillors that presided over this item were Councillors A Boyce, B Rolfe and H Mann. Members noted that Officers did not have delegated powers to deal with the complaint and, as a result, the application had to be considered by the Sub-Committee.

The Chairman welcomed the Applicant, his employer, Mr Hudson and the complaint Mr Sherry and introduced the Members and Officers present. The complainant, Mr Sherry gave a short statement about the incident that took place between himself and Mr Hassan and left the Chamber. The Senior Licensing Officer showed Sub-Committee the video clip of the incident and informed them that the complaint could not be dealt with under delegated authority.

The Applicant made a short statement about the complaint, before answering a number of questions from Members of the Sub-Committee. The Applicant and his employer then made a short closing statement to the Sub-Committee before the Chairman requested that the Applicant and employer leave the Chamber whilst the Sub-Committee debated the application in private.

The Sub-Committee 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:**

(1) That no further action be taken against Mr Hassan.

**76. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MR M BENDRIH**

The Sub-Committee considered an application by Mr M Bendrih for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence. The three Councillors that presided over this item were Councillors A Boyce, B Rolfe 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 Senior 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 Sub-Committee 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:**

(2) That the application for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence for Mr M Bendrih be granted.

**77. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MR M QUINN**

The Sub-Committee considered an application by Mr M Quinn for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence. The three Councillors that presided over this item were Councillors A Boyce, B Rolfe 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 Senior 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 Sub-Committee 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:**

(1) That the application for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence for Mr M Quinn be granted.

**78. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MR K PERVEZ**

The Sub-Committee considered an application by Mr K Pervez for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence. The three Councillors that presided over this item were Councillors A Boyce, K Adams 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 Senior 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 Sub-Committee 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:**

(1) That the application for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence for Mr K Pervez be granted.

**79. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MR T HUGHES**

The Sub-Committee considered an application by Mr T Hughes for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence. The three Councillors that presided over this item were Councillors A Boyce, K Adams 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 Senior 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 Sub-Committee 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:**

(1) That the application for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence for Mr T Hughes be refused, as the Sub-Committee was not satisfied that the Applicant was a fit and proper person to hold such a licence.

**80. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MR L MIAH**

The Sub-Committee considered an application by Mr L Miah for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence. The three Councillors that presided over this item were Councillors A Boyce, B Rolfe 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 Senior 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 Sub-Committee 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:**

(1) That the application for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence for Mr L Miah be granted.

**CHAIRMAN**