

EPPING FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

Place: Council Chamber, Civic Offices, **Time:** 10.00 am - 12.05 pm
High Street, Epping

Members Present: K Angold-Stephens (Chairman), D Dorrell, Mrs M Sartin and H Mann

Other Councillors:

Apologies: Councillor P Keska

Officers Present: J Leither (Democratic Services Assistant), A Mitchell (Assistant Director (Legal Services)), K Tuckey (Licensing Manager), N Clarke (Licensing Officer) and R Powell (Licensing Compliance Officer)

88. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

It was noted that Councillor P Keska had tendered his apologies and Councillor H Mann had kindly agreed to substitute for him.

89. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

90. PROCEDURE FOR THE CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

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

91. 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	Application for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Mr M Hussain	1
6	Application for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Mr M Irfan	1
7	Review of current Hackney Carriage Driver's	1

	Licence – Mr Woodley	
8	Application for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Mr Baker	1

92. CHANGE IN THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

The Licensing Officer advised that not all the applicants had arrived and asked that the applications be taken out of order.

Resolved:

That the Chairman agreed to the Change in order of the Agenda..

93. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MR IRFAN

The Sub-Committee considered an application by Mr M Irfan for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence. The three councillors that presided over this item were Councillors K Angold-Stephens M Sartin and D Dorrell. 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 advice from the Assistant Director of Governance (Legal) regarding the Council's Criminal Records Policy. 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 M Irfan be refused, as the Sub-Committee were not satisfied that the Applicant was a fit and proper person to hold such a licence.

94. REVIEW OF CURRENT HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MR WOODLEY

The Sub-Committee considered an application by Mr Woodley for renewal of a current Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence, due for expiration on 10 March 2015. The three Councillors that presided over this item were Councillors K Angold-Stephens, H Mann and D Dorrell. Members noted that Officers did not have delegated powers to determine this renewal and, consequently, the renewal had to be considered by the Sub-Committee.

The Chairman welcomed the Applicant and his Wife 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 and his Wife leave the Chamber whilst the Sub-Committee debated the application in private.

The Sub-Committee received advice from the Assistant Director of Governance (Legal) regarding the Council's Criminal Records Policy. The Chairman invited the Applicant back into the Chamber and informed him of the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

That the Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence for Mr Woodley be renewed.

95. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MR BAKER

The Sub-Committee considered an application by Mr Baker for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence. The three councillors that presided over this item were Councillors K Angold-Stephens M Sartin 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 advice from the Assistant Director of Governance (Legal) regarding the Council's Criminal Records Policy. 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 Baker be granted subject to conditions.

96. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MR HUSSAIN

The Sub-Committee considered an application by Mr M Hussain for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence. The three councillors that presided over this item were Councillors K Angold-Stephens D Dorrell 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 Sub-Committee were informed that the Applicant was not in attendance and it was decided that due to the circumstance of this application that it would be heard by the Sub-Committee without the Applicant in attendance. The Licensing Officer informed the Sub-Committee of the circumstances by which the Licence could not be issued under delegated authority.

The Chairman requested that the Licensing Officers leave the Chamber whilst the Sub-Committee debated the application in private.

The Sub-Committee received no advice from the Assistant Director of Governance (Legal). The Chairman invited the Officers back into the Chamber and informed them of the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

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

CHAIRMAN