

EPPING FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee: Licensing Sub-Committee **Date:** 26 June 2014

Place: Council Chamber, Civic Offices, **Time:** 10.00 - 11.22 am
High Street, Epping

Members Present: K Angold-Stephens (Chairman), A Boyce, Mrs R Gadsby and R Morgan

Other Councillors:

Apologies:

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

7. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

8. PROCEDURE FOR THE CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

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

9. 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:

<u>Agenda Item No</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Exempt Information Paragraph Number</u>
5	Application for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Mr U Chaudhary	1
6	Application for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Mr M Ealaj	1
7	Application for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Mr N Niazi	1

8	Application for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Mr Chowdhury	1
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10. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MR CHAUDHURY

The Sub-Committee considered an application by Mr U Chaudhury for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence. Councillors K Angold-Stephens, Mrs R Gadsby and R Morgan presided over this item. Members noted that officers did not have delegated authority because the applicant had not held a DVLA licence for three years as required by the Council's policy. 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-Committees. 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 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 be refused as the Sub-Committee was not satisfied that Mr U Chaudhury was a fit and proper person due to his lack of driving experience.

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

The Sub-Committee considered an application by Mr Ealaj for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence. The councillors who presided over this item were Councillors K Angold-Stephens, Mrs R Gadsby and R Morgan. The members noted that officers did not have delegated powers to grant this application and, as a result, the application was considered by the Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee was informed that the applicant was not in attendance, and it was decided to defer the application to the next scheduled meeting of the Sub-Committee to allow the applicant to put forward his case.

RESOLVED:

That the application for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence by Mr Ealaj be deferred until a future meeting.

12. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MR N NIAZI

The Sub-Committee considered an application by Mr N Niazi for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence. The Councillors who presided over this item were Councillors K Angold-Stephens, Mrs R Gadsby and R Morgan. 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 Chairman invited the applicant back into the Chamber and informed him of the Sub-Committee's decision.

RESOLVED:

(1) That a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence be granted for one year to Mr N Niazi subject to the following condition:

(a) That the applicant passes the Council's Knowledge Test.

13. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MR S CHOWDHURY

The Sub-Committee considered an application by Mr S Chowdhury for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence. Councillors K Angold-Stephens, Mrs R Gadsby and R Morgan 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 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 be refused as the Sub-Committee was not satisfied that Mr S Chowdhury was a fit and proper person due to the nature of his previous convictions.

CHAIRMAN