### EPPING FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Committee:** Licensing Sub-Committee **Date:** Tuesday, 7 February 2017

Place: Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Time: 10.00 - 11.20 am

High Street, Epping

**Members** Councillors R Morgan (Chairman), N Bedford, J Jennings and G Shiell

Present:

Other Councillors:

Apologies:

Officers R Perrin (Democratic Services Officer), L Cole (Legal Services Officer) and

**Present:** L Turner (Licensing Compliance Officer)

### 41. Declarations of Interest

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

### 42. Procedure for the Conduct of Business

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

### 43. Exclusion of Public and Press

That the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the items of business set out below on 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	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 as amended & Town & Police Clauses Act 1847 - Driver's Licence Mr N Ali- H1103	1
6	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 as amended & Town & Police Clauses Act 1847 -Application for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Mr V M Carvalho	1
7	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 as amended & Town & Police Clauses Act 1847 -Application for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Mr Saleh Ahmed	1
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8 Clauses Act 1847 -Application for a Hackney
Carriage Driver's Licence – Mr M Tahir

### 44. Change of Order of Agenda

The Licensing Compliance Officer advised that first applicant had not arrived and asked that the agenda be reordered so that the applicant's in attendance could be heard first.

#### Resolved:

That the Sub-Committee agreed to the change in order of the agenda.

# 45. Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 as amended & Town & Police Clauses Act 1847 - Application for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence - Mr V M Carvalho

The Sub-Committee considered an application by Mr V M Carvalho for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence. The three Councillors that presided over this item were Councillors R Morgan, J Jennings and N Bedford. 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 Compliance Officer informed the Sub-Committee of the circumstances by which the licence could not be issued under delegated authority.

The Applicant made a 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 for Mr V M Carvalho be granted subject to Council's standard terms and conditions.

# 46. Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 as amended & Town & Police Clauses Act 1847 - Application for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence - Mr Saleh Ahmed

The Sub-Committee considered an application by Mr S Ahmed for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence. The three Councillors that presided over this item were Councillors R Morgan, G Shiell and N Bedford. 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 Compliance Officer informed the Sub-Committee of the circumstances by which the licence could not be issued under delegated authority.

The Applicant made a 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 for Mr S Ahmed be granted subject to Council's standard terms and conditions.

### 47. Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 as amended & Town & Police Clauses Act 1847 - Application for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence - Mr M Tahir

The Sub-Committee considered an application by Mr M Tahir for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence. The three Councillors that presided over this item were Councillors R Morgan, J Jennings and G Shiell. 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 Compliance Officer informed the Sub-Committee of the circumstances by which the licence could not be issued under delegated authority.

The Applicant made a 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 for Mr M Tahir be granted subject to Council's standard terms and conditions.

### 48. Adjournment

The Licensing Compliance Officer advised that Mr Ali was not present. Members requested that the meeting be adjourned so that the Licensing Compliance Officer could contact the applicant to find out whether he would be attending the meeting.

### **RESOLVED:**

That the meeting be adjourned at 10.55 a.m. and re-convened at 11.10 a.m. for the purposes of considering his application.

### 49. Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 as amended & Town & Police Clauses Act 1847 - Driver's Licence Mr N Ali-H1103

The Licensing Compliance Officer advised that she was unable to contact and confirm whether Mr Ali would be attending the Sub-Committee. Members were advised that this was the second occasion where he had failed to attend the Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee were asked to consider whether to continue, suspend or revoke the current Hackney Carriage Driver's licence for Mr M Ali. The three Councillors that presided over this item were Councillors R Morgan, J Jennings and G Shiell. 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 considered the information and asked the Licensing Compliance a number of questions.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the application for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence for Mr M Ali be suspended until he attended a Sub-Committee.

**CHAIRMAN**