

EPPING FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee: Licensing Sub-Committee **Date:** 6 February 2018

Place: Council Chamber, Civic Offices, High Street, Epping **Time:** 10.00 - 10.40 am

Members Present: M Sartin (Chairman), D Dorrell and S Neville

Apologies: L Mead

Officers Present: K Tuckey (Licensing Manager), R Ferriera (Assistant Solicitor)
J Leither (Democratic Services Officer) and V Messenger (Democratic Services Officer)

63. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

64. PROCEDURE FOR THE CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

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

65. 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 should 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 following paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act (as amended) or were confidential under Section 100(A)(2):

Agenda Item No	Subject	Exempt Information Paragraph Number
5	New Application for a Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licence – Mr Amir Ali	1
6	New Application for a Private Hire Drivers' Licence – Mr K Hector	1
7	Driver's Licence and Hackney Carriage Proprietors' Licence – Mr Shah Kabir	1

66. CHANGE OF ORDER OF AGENDA

The Licensing Manager advised the Sub-Committee that first applicant had not arrived and asked that the applications be taken out of order.

RESOLVED:

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

67. APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MR K HECTOR

The Sub-Committee considered an application for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence by Mr K Hector. The three Councillors that presided over this item were Councillor M Sartin (Chairman), Councillor D Dorrell and Councillor S Neville. 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 Manager informed the Sub-Committee of the circumstances under which the Licence could not be issued under delegated authority.

Members were reminded by the Council's Legal Officer of the relevant clauses from the Council's Public Hire Licence Application Guidance - Guidance to new applicants and existing licence holders and the Public Hire Licensing Guidance on Decision Making.

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 considered the application.

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 by Mr K Hector be granted for a period of three years, subject to the applicant passing the Council's knowledge test.

68. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MR AMIR ALI

The Sub-Committee considered an application for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence by Mr A Ali. The three Councillors that presided over this item were Councillor M Sartin (Chairman), Councillor D Dorrell and Councillor S Neville. 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 Manager informed the Sub-Committee of the circumstances under which the Licence could not be issued under delegated authority.

Members were reminded by the Council's Legal Officer of the relevant clauses from the Council's Public Hire Licence Application Guidance - Guidance to new applicants

and existing licence holders and the Public Hire Licensing Guidance on Decision Making.

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 considered the application.

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 by Mr A Ali be granted for a period of three years, subject to the applicant passing the Council's knowledge test;
- (2) That Mr Ali surrenders his licence plate in London; and
- (3) That Mr Ali presents his car for the necessary checks as required by Epping Forest District Council (Licensing Section).

69. SUSPEND OR REVOKE A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE PROPRIETOR'S LICENCE - MR SHAH KABIR

The Licensing Officer advised the Sub-Committee that this application had been withdrawn from the agenda.

CHAIRMAN