

EPPING FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee: Licensing Sub-Committee **Date:** 8 January 2019

Place: Council Chamber, Civic Offices, **Time:** 10.00 - 10.45 am
High Street, Epping

Members Present: S Neville (Chairman), K Chana, L Hughes and J Jennings

Other Councillors: None.

Apologies: None.

Officers Present: R Ferriera (Assistant Solicitor), D Houghton (Licensing Compliance Officer) and V Messenger (Democratic Services Officer)

32. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

33. PROCEDURE FOR THE CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

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

34. 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 item of business set out below on the grounds that it would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the following paragraph(s) 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	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 & Town & Police Clauses Act 1847 - Application for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Mr Mohammed Abdul Mannan	1

35. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976 & TOWN & POLICE CLAUSES ACT 1847 - APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MR MOHAMMED ABDUL MANNAN

The Sub-Committee considered a new application for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence in respect of Mr M A Mannan. The three Councillors that presided over this item were Councillors S Neville (Chairman), K Chana and J Jennings. Members

noted that Officers did not have delegated powers to determine this new application and, as a result, the application had to be considered by the Sub-Committee.

The Chairman welcomed the Applicant, Mr M A Mannan, and Mr P Sadler of Sadlers Taxis, and also introduced the Members and Officers present. The Licensing Compliance Officer, D Houghton, informed the Sub-Committee of the circumstances under which the Applicant was brought to this Sub-Committee.

On behalf of the Applicant, Mr Sadler made a short statement in support of Mr Mannan's case. Members of the Sub-Committee asked the Applicant a number of questions, which were answered by Mr Mannan, and with help from Mr Sadler and the Licensing Compliance Officer. On behalf of the Applicant, Mr Sadler made a short closing statement to the Sub-Committee.

The Chairman requested that the Applicant, Mr Sadler, Councillor L Hughes and the Licensing Compliance Officer leave the Chamber whilst the Sub-Committee considered the application in private.

During the Sub-Committee's deliberations in private session, Assistant Solicitor R Ferreira gave members the following advice – that its decision had to be based on whether the Applicant was considered to be a fit and proper person based on the evidence before the Sub-Committee.

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 A Mannan be refused, as the Licensing Sub-Committee considered he was not a fit and proper person.

CHAIRMAN