

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WALLFIELDS,
HERTFORD ON FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER
2013, AT 10.00 AM

PRESENT: Councillor Michael McMullen (Chairman).
Councillors E Bedford and J Jones.

ALSO PRESENT:

Councillors R Beeching and P Ruffles.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Lorraine Blackburn	- Democratic Services Officer
Oliver Rawlings	- Senior Specialist Licensing Officer
George Robertson	- Legal Services Manager

28 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Councillor J Jones and seconded by Councillor E Bedford that Councillor M McMullen be appointed Chairman of the Licensing Sub-Committee for the meeting.

RESOLVED – that Councillor M McMullen be appointed Chairman of the Licensing Sub-Committee for the meeting.

29 MINUTES – 25 OCTOBER 2013

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the meeting held on 25 October 2013 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

30 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Sub-Committee passed a resolution pursuant to Section 100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended, to exclude the press and public during consideration of the business referred to in Minute 24 on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the said Act.

31 APPLICATION FOR A TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE WITH SPENT CONVICTIONS – NUMBER 024375

The Chairman outlined the procedure to be followed. All those present were introduced. The applicant agreed that Councillors R Beeching and P Ruffles could remain in the room as observers.

The Senior Specialist Licensing Officer advised the Sub-Committee of the details of the application and provided background information relating to the applicant. The Sub-Committee was asked to consider whether the applicant was a “fit and proper person” to hold a taxi driver’s licence.

The applicant provided a summary of his background, including an explanation of events and why he should be considered for a taxi driver’s licence. In response to a query regarding his current working status, he stated that for the last nine years he had held a taxi driver’s licence with Epping Forest District Council. He had also worked as a driver for Virgin.

At the conclusion of the representations, the Sub-Committee withdrew with the Legal Services Manager and the Democratic Services Officer to consider the evidence.

Following this they returned, and the Chairman announced that the Sub-Committee had carefully

considered the contents of the report, the applicant's representations and the fact that he had held a Taxi Driver's Licence for the last 9 years and had decided to allow the application to proceed.

RESOLVED – that the application for a taxi drivers' licence be approved, for the reasons now detailed.

The meeting closed at 10.25 am

Chairman

Date