

**LICENSING DRIVER PANEL**  
**Regulatory Committee**  
**Agenda**

Date Tuesday 10 January 2023

Time 9.30 am

Venue Crompton Suite, Civic Centre, Oldham, West Street, Oldham, OL1 1NL

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MEMBERSHIP OF THE LICENSING DRIVER PANEL IS AS FOLLOWS:  
Councillors Byrne, Cosgrove, C. Gloster, McLaren, Shuttleworth, Surjan (Chair) and Wilkinson

1 Apologies For Absence

2 Urgent Business

Urgent business, if any, introduced by the Chair

3 Declarations of Interest

To Receive Declarations of Interest in any Contract or matter to be discussed at the meeting.

4 Public Question Time

To receive Questions from the Public, in accordance with the Council's Constitution.

5 Minutes of Previous Meeting (Pages 1 - 2)

The Minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022 are attached for approval.

6 Exclusion of the Press and Public

That, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they contain exempt information under paragraph(s) 1 and 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, and it would not, on balance, be in the public interest to disclose the reports.

7 DP-2023-01 (Pages 3 - 8)

The purpose of this report is to ask Members to review a Dual Driver's licence, which, due to convictions against the applicant calls into question their fitness and propriety to be a suitable person to hold such a licence. As such the application has been referred to this Panel for determination.

8 DP-2023-02 (Pages 9 - 14)

The purpose of this report is to ask Members to review whether, as a result of convictions obtained, the holder of an existing dual hackney carriage/private hire driver licence remains a fit and proper person to hold that licence.

9 DP-2023-03 (Pages 15 - 20)

The purpose of this report is to inform Members of an application for a new dual driver licence where a conviction recorded against the applicant calls in to question the applicant's fitness and propriety to be a suitable person to hold such a licence. As such, the application has been referred to this panel for determination.

10 DP-2023-04 (Pages 21 - 28)

The purpose of this report is to ask Members to review a dual driver licence where complaints recorded against the applicant calls in to question their fitness and propriety to be a suitable person to hold such a licence. As such, the applicant has been referred to this panel for determination.

11 DP-2023-05 (Pages 29 - 34)

The purpose of this report is to inform Members of an application for a new dual driver licence where a conviction recorded against the applicant calls in to question the applicant's fitness and propriety to be a suitable person to hold such a licence. As such, the application has been referred to this panel for determination.

12 Appeals Update 10.01.2023 (Pages 35 - 38)

The purpose of this report is to provide Members with an update on any appeals against the decisions of the Council's Licensing Drivers Panel.

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**LICENSING DRIVER PANEL**  
**06/12/2022 at 9.30 am**

**Present:** Councillor Surjan (Chair)  
Councillors Byrne, Cosgrove, C. Gloster, McLaren and Shuttleworth

Also in Attendance:

Laila Chowdhury	Constitutional Services
Alan Evans	Solicitor
Susan Loftus	Licensing Projects and Hearings Officer
Nicola Lord	Principal Licensing Officer
Kaidy McCann	Constitutional Services

1           **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Wilkinson.

2           **URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of urgent business received.

3           **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest received.

4           **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no public questions received.

5           **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022 be approved as a correct record.

6           **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED** that, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they contain exempt information under paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, and it would not, on balance, be in the public interest to disclose the reports.

7           **APPLICATION TO RENEW A DUAL DRIVER LICENCE (DP-2022-15)**

**RESOLVED** that, based on the information provided to the Panel, having considered the Driver's conduct and taking into account Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council's 'Statement of Fitness and Suitability Private Hire & Hackney Carriage', approved by the Council in March 2018, the current dual hackney carriage/private hire driver's licence application to renew be refused.

NOTE: The Driver attended the meeting and addressed the Panel.



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8 **REVIEW OF A DUAL DRIVER LICENCE (DP-2022-16)**

RESOLVED that, based on the information provided to the Panel, having considered the Driver's conduct and taking into account Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council's 'Statement of Fitness and Suitability (Private Hire & Hackney Carriage)', approved by the Council in March 2018, the current dual hackney carriage/private hire driver's licence be suspended for 6 months.

NOTE: The Driver attended the meeting and addressed the Panel.

9 **REVIEW OF A DUAL DRIVER LICENCE (DP-2022-17)**

RESOLVED that, based on the information provided to the Panel, having considered the Driver's conduct and taking into account Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council's 'Statement of Fitness and Suitability (Private Hire & Hackney Carriage)', approved by the Council in March 2018, the current dual hackney carriage/private hire driver's licence is suspended for 3 months.

NOTE: The Driver attended the meeting accompanied by a family member and addressed the Panel.

10 **APPEALS UPDATE**

RESOLVED that the updated information on the appeals against the decisions of the Council's Licensing Driver Panel and those made under delegated powers be noted.

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