

LICENSING DRIVER PANEL
Regulatory Committee
Agenda

Date Tuesday 5 September 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, Hamblett, H. Harrison, J. Hussain, S. Hussain and Wahid

Item No

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 11th July 2023 are attached for approval.

6 Order of Proceedings (Pages 3 - 4)

7 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.

8 DP/2023/20 (Pages 5 - 10)

The purpose of this report is to inform Members of an application for a new Dual Driver's licence; which, due to information being received calls in to 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.

9 DP/2023/1 (Pages 11 - 16)

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10 DP/2023/22 (Pages 17 - 38)

The purpose of this report is to ask Members to review a dual driver licence where a complaint 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/2023/23 (Pages 39 - 52)

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Driver's licence; which, due to information being received calls in to 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.

12 Appeals Update (Pages 53 - 56)

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
11/07/2023 at 9.30 am

Present: Councillor S. Hussain (Chair)
Councillors Byrne, Cosgrove, Hamblett, H. Harrison, J. Hussain
and Wahid

Also in Attendance:

Laila Chowdhury

John Garforth

Trading Standards & Licensing
Manager

Sumayya Rawat

Solicitor

Paul Rogers

Constitutional Services

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence received.

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 13 June
2023 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 **DP/2023/16**

The Chair informed Councillor Wahid that due to his late
attendance he would be precluded from taken part in this item of
business.

RESOLVED that based on the information provided to the
Panel, the application be refused on the grounds that not
sufficient time has passed since the applicant's release from
imprisonment in line with Council policy.

8 **DP/2023/17**
RESOLVED that based on the information provided, a licence be GRANTED for a period of 12 months and subject no incidents occurring during that period, the licence will continue for a further 2 year period.

9 **DP/2023/18**
RESOLVED that the application be REFUSED on the grounds of driving convictions and false information provided by the applicant following the convictions.

10 **DP/2023/19**
RESOLVED that, based on the information provided, a licence be GRANTED for a period of 12 months and subject to no further incidents during that period the licence will continue for a further period of 2 years.

11 **APPEALS UPDATE 11/07/2023**
RESOLVED that the Appeals Update be noted.

The meeting started at 9.30 am and ended at 11.01 am

LICENSING PANEL (DRIVERS) ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers Applications and Reviews

Panel Members and Officers introduce themselves

1. The Licensing Officer will introduce the Applicant/Driver and their representative (if they have one).
2. The Licensing Officer will introduce the application/review and the reasons for bringing it to the Panel.
3. Members and the Applicant/Driver and their representative may question the Licensing Officer
4. The Applicant/Driver and their representative will be offered the opportunity to make representations or add any further information.
5. Members or Officers may then question the Applicant/Driver.
6. The Licensing Officer will then summarise.
7. The Applicant/Driver and their representative will be offered the opportunity to summarise their case.
8. All parties will be asked to leave the room while the Panel considers the matter and will be brought back in to be informed of the Panel's decision.

Licensing Officer will leave with the Applicant/Driver and their representative and explain to them outside the meeting what happens next.

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