

LICENSING DRIVER PANEL
05/03/2024 at 9.30 am

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

Also In attendance

Durga Paul – Constitutional Services
Peter Thompson- Constitutional Services
Alex Bougatef – Solicitor
Nicola Lord- Principal Licensing Officer
Susan Loftus- Licensing Projects and Hearings Officer

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 MEETINGS**

RESOLVED The Minutes of the meetings of the Licensing Driver Panel held on 6th February 2024 and on 13th February 2024 are approved as a correct record.

6 **ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS**

RESOLVED that the order of proceedings be noted.

7 **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.

8 **DP/2024/30**

The Panel considered a report to inform them of an application for a new Dual Driver's licence, which, due to a conviction 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 application was referred to the Panel for determination.

RESOLVED that, based on the information provided to the Panel, having taken into account the reason the Applicant has appeared before the Panel, namely: a Conviction, the report written by the Officer, their recommendations, the Applicant's comments and the Council's Statement of Fitness and Suitability, the Applicant is not a fit and proper person and accordingly the application be **REFUSED** on the grounds of Council policy which states that an application will be refused if insufficient time has passed since the convictions.

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

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DP/2024/31

This item was adjourned and deferred to the next Licensing Driver Panel on 12th March 2024 as more information is required from the applicant.

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DP/2024/32

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

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accordingly the application be GRANTED for a probationary period of twelve months.

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

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DP/2024/35

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APPEAL UPDATE 05/03/2024

RESOLVED that, the appeals update be noted.

The meeting started at 10:00am and ended 13:10pm