

LICENSING DRIVER PANEL
13/02/2024 at 9.30 am



Present: Councillor J. Hussain (Vice-Chair, in the Chair)
Councillors Byrne, Cosgrove, Hamblett and H. Harrison

Also in Attendance:

Elise Brophy	Licensing Officer
Laila Chowdhury	Constitutional Services
Susan Loftus	Licensing Projects & Hearings Officer
Sumayya Rawat	Solicitor

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor S Hussain.

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 **ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS**

RESOLVED that the Order of Proceedings be noted.

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/2024/21**

Application withdrawn; therefore this matter was not heard.

8 **DP/2024/22**

The Panel considered a report to inform Members 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, the reasons the Applicant has appeared before the Panel, namely: convictions, the report written by the Officer, their recommendations, the Applicant's comments and the Council's Statement of Fitness and Suitability that the Applicant is not a fit and proper person and accordingly: the application be

REFUSED on the grounds that: the Council's policy states, that where a person has a conviction for an offence relating to dishonesty and the date of conviction is less than seven years. Seven years have not passed, and the application is refused in line with the Council policy.



NOTE:

1. The Applicant attended the meeting to address the Panel.
2. The Applicant presented the Panel with a paper document for confirmation of dates.

9 **DP/2024/24**

Application moved to April 2024; therefore this matter was not heard.

10 **DP/2024/25**

The Panel considered a report to inform Members of an application to renew a dual hackney carriage / private hire driver's licence, where a conviction recorded against the Applicant; calls into question whether they remain a 'fit and proper' person to hold a licence.

RESOLVED that, based on the information provided to the Panel, the reason the Applicant has appeared before the Panel, namely: convictions, the report written by the Officer, their recommendations, the Applicant's comments and the Council's Statement of Fitness and Suitability, the Applicant is a fit and proper person and accordingly: the application be GRANTED for a trial period of twelve months.

NOTE: The Applicant attended the meeting to address the Panel.

11 **DP/2024/26**

Application deferred; therefore this matter was not heard.

The meeting started at 9.30 am and ended at 10.51 am.