

LICENSING DRIVER PANEL
11/02/2025 at 9.30 am

Present: Councillors Byrne, Chowhan, Hamblett, Hindle, J. Hussain S. Hussain (Chair) and Shuttleworth

Also in attendance
Elise Brophy- Licensing Officer
Susan Loftus- Licensing Projects & Hearings Officer
Durga Paul- 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**

Cllr Cllr Chowhan declared an interest in agenda item 10 and left the room for the panel hearing and decision making process.

4 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no Public Questions for this meeting to consider.

5 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2025 be 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/2025/07**

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 in accordance with the guidelines in the Council's Statement of Fitness and Suitability.

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

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DP/2025/08

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 in accordance with the guidelines in the Council's Statement of Fitness and Suitability.

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

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DP/2025/09

The Panel considered a report to inform them of an application for a new Dual Driver's licence, which, due to convictions 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: 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 not a fit and proper person and accordingly the application be REFUSED in accordance with the guidelines in the Council's Statement of Fitness and Suitability.

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

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DP/2025/10

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 deemed to be a fit and proper person and accordingly the application is GRANTED for a probationary period of twelve months to be extended for a further 2 years if no complaints about the Applicant are received in the meantime. The decision to grant the licence was made on the grounds that the Applicant has shown remorse and undertaken rehabilitation activity since the conviction and has demonstrated no further offending behaviour.

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

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DP/2025/11

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 in accordance with the guidelines in the Council's Statement of Fitness and Suitability.

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

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DP/2025/12

The Panel considered a report to inform them of an application for a new Dual Driver's licence. As part of the application process the Applicant provided a medical examination report (D4) and a GP declaration form. Information on this form required the Applicant to attend Driver Panel.

RESOLVED that, based on the information provided to the Panel, having taken into account the reason the Applicant has appeared before the Panel, namely the medical examination report, the declaration from the GP, the report written by the Officer, their recommendations, the Applicant's comments and the Fit and Proper Standard test, the Applicant is not a fit and proper person and accordingly the application be REFUSED on the grounds that they did not meet the standard for a Fit and Proper person.

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

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APPEALS UPDATE

RESOLVED that, the appeals update be noted by the panel.

The meeting started at 9.30am and ended at 1.01pm