

## ***LICENSING DRIVER PANEL Agenda***

Date Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Time 9.30 am

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

Notes 1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST- If a Member requires advice on any item involving a possible declaration of interest which could affect his/her ability to speak and/or vote he/she is advised to contact Alex Bougatef or Constitutional Services at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

2. CONTACT OFFICER for this agenda is Constitutional Services team – email: [constitutional.services@oldham.gov.uk](mailto:constitutional.services@oldham.gov.uk)

3. PUBLIC QUESTIONS - Any Member of the public wishing to ask a question at the above meeting can do so only if a written copy of the question is submitted to the contact officer by 12 noon on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025.

### **MEMBERSHIP OF THE LICENSING DRIVER PANEL**

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

#### **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 (Pages 5 - 8)

The Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Driver Panel held on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2025

are attached for approval.

6 Order of Proceedings (Pages 9 - 10)

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 seven 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/2025/25 (Pages 11 - 18)

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

9 DP/2025/26 (Pages 19 - 32)

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

10 DP/2025/27 (Pages 33 - 38)

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

11 DP/2025/28 (Pages 39 - 44)

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

12 DP/2025/29 (Pages 45 - 50)

The purpose of this report is to inform Members of an application for a new Dual Driver's licence, which, due to a conviction 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.

13 DP/2025/30 (Pages 51 - 64)

The purpose of this report is to inform Members of an application for a new Dual Driver's licence, which, due to a conviction 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.

14      Appeals Update (Pages 65 - 68)

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**  
**08/04/2025 at 9.30 am**

**Present:** Councillor S. Hussain (Chair)  
Councillors Chowhan, Hindle, J. Hussain and Shuttleworth

Also in Attendance:

Alan Evans	Group Solicitor
Elise Brophy	Licensing Officer
Susan Loftus	Licensing Projects and Hearing Officers
Andrew Mather	Constitutional Services

1      **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Byrne and Hamblett

2      **URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of urgent business received.

3      **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Chowhan declared a personal interest in item 10 as he knew the Applicant and took no part in consideration of the item.

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 4<sup>th</sup> March 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/2025/19**

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/2025/20**

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 application has appeared before the Panel, namely convictions, the report written by the Officer, their recommendations, the Applicant's explanation 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 did not attend the meeting.

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**DP/2025/21**

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.

NOTE: Councillor Chowhan declared a personal interest in the item as he knew the Applicant and left the meeting during consideration of the item.

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**DP/2025/22**

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/2025/23**

The Panel considered an application to review a dual driver's licence, due to a conviction of the Driver which 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 Driver has appeared before the Panel, namely a conviction for driving without due care and attention, the report written by the Officer, their recommendations, the driver's comments and the Council's Statement of Fitness and Suitability, the Driver is no longer considered to be a fit and proper person and accordingly the licence is to be **REVOKED** in accordance with the guidelines in the Council's Statement of Fitness and Suitability with immediate effect on the grounds of public safety.

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

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**DP/2025/24**

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 issues about the Applicant's conduct arise in the meantime.

The decision to grant a licence was made on the grounds that the conviction was in 2019 and the Panel was satisfied that the Applicant had changed their lifestyle and was now a fit and proper person



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

The meeting started at 9.30 am and ended at 12.15 pm

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## **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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