

LICENSING DRIVER PANEL

Agenda

Date	Tuesday 2 nd September 2025
Time	9.30 am
Venue	Lees Suite, Civic Centre, Oldham, West Street, Oldham, OL1 1NL
Notes	<p>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.</p> <p>2. CONTACT details for this meeting are available from Constitutional Services – email: constitutional.services@oldham.gov.uk</p> <p>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 12.00 noon on Thursday, 28th August 2025.</p>

MEMBERSHIP OF THE LICENSING DRIVER PANEL

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

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| 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 held on 8th July 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 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/2025/45 (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/2025/46 (Pages 19 - 24)

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/2025/47 (Pages 25 - 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.

11 DP/2025/48 (Pages 33 - 56)

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/2025/49 (Pages 57 - 72)

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.

13 DP/2025/50 (Pages 73 - 88)

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 DP/2025/51 (Pages 89 - 124)

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.

15 Appeals Update 02/09/2025 (Pages 125 - 128)

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
08/07/2025 at 9.30 am

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

Also in Attendance:

Elise Brophy	Senior Licensing Officer
Laila Chowdhury	Constitutional Services
Jack Grennan	Constitutional Services
Susan Loftus	Licensing Projects and Hearing
Sumayya Rawat	Solicitor

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Hindle.

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 12th June 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/2025/38**

The Panel considered an application 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 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 had appeared before the Panel, namely convictions or information held, the report written by the Officer, their recommendations, the Driver's comments and the Council's Statement of Fitness and Suitability, and accordingly the licence be **SUSPENDED** with immediate effect for a period of 28 days due to the Driver's recent driving convictions.

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

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DP/2025/39

The Panel considered a report to review a dual driver licence, which, due to 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 was referred to the Panel for determination.

RESOLVED that, based on the information provided to the Panel, having taken into account the reason the licence holder had appeared before the Panel, namely their driving convictions, the report written by the Officer, their recommendations, the licence holder's comments and the Council's Statement of Fitness and Suitability, the licence holder was no longer considered to be a fit and proper person and accordingly the licence was to be **REVOKED** with immediate effect.

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

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DP/2025/40

The Panel considered a report that informed them of an application for a new Dual Driver's licence, which, due to a conviction calls in to question the Applicant's 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 had 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 was deemed a fit and proper person and accordingly a licence be **GRANTED** for a period of 12 months. During this period, if there are no complaints or convictions against the Applicant, their licence will be extended for a further two years.

NOTE: The Applicant attended the meeting with a Representative and addressed the Panel.

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DP/2025/33

The Panel considered a report that informed Members of an application for a new dual driver's licence, which, due to a conviction calls in to question the Applicant's 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 had appeared before the Panel, namely conviction, the report written by the Officer, their recommendations, the Applicant's comments and the Council's Statement of Fitness and Suitability, the Applicant was deemed a fit and proper person and accordingly the application be GRANTED for a period of 12 months and to be extended for a further two years providing that there are no complaints or issues during this period. The Applicant demonstrated consistently over the last two years that they are a fit and proper person to hold a licence.

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

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DP/2025/42

The Panel considered a report that informed Members of an application for a new dual driver's licence, which, due to a conviction calls in to question the Applicant's 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 had 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 was deemed a fit and proper person and accordingly GRANTED a licence for a period of 12 months, to be extended for a further two years.

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

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DP/2025/43

The Panel considered a report 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 was referred to the Panel for determination.

RESOLVED that, based on the information provided to the Panel, having taken into account the reason the licence holder had appeared before the Panel, namely convictions, the report written by the Officer, their recommendations, the licence holder's comments and the Council's Statement of Fitness and Suitability, the licence holder was deemed a fit and proper

person and accordingly cautioned with no further action to be taken.

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

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DP/2025/44

The Panel considered a report 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 was referred to the Panel for determination.

RESOLVED that, based on the information provided to the Panel, having taken into account the reason the licence holder had appeared before the Panel, namely convictions, the report written by the Officer, their recommendations, the licence holder's comments and the Council's Statement of Fitness and Suitability, the licence holder was no longer considered to be a fit and proper person and accordingly the licence be REVOKED with immediate effect.

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

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APPEALS UPDATE 08/07/2025

RESOLVED that the Appeals update be noted.

The meeting started at 9.30 am and ended at 1.35 pm

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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