

LICENSING DRIVER PANEL

Regulatory Committee

Agenda

Date	Tuesday 13 January 2026
Time	9.30 am
Venue	JR Clynes Building, Cultural Quarter, Greaves Street, Oldham, OL1 1AL
Notes	<ol style="list-style-type: none">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 Bougatet or Constitutional Services at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.2. Contact officer for this agenda is Constitutional Services email constitutional.services@oldham.gov.uk3. 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, 8 January 2026.4. Filming - The Council, members of the public and the press may record / film / photograph or broadcast this meeting when the public and the press are not lawfully excluded. Any member of the public who attends a meeting and objects to being filmed should advise the Constitutional Services Officer who will instruct that they are not included in the filming.

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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 of Previous Meeting (Pages 5 - 8)

The Minutes of the Licensing Driver Panel held on 2nd December 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/2026/01 (Pages 11 - 16)

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/2026/02 (Pages 17 - 34)

The purpose of this report is to ask Members to review a dual driver licence where information 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/2026/03 (Pages 35 - 44)

The purpose of this report is to ask Members to review a dual driver licence where information 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/2026/05 (Pages 45 - 54)

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/2026/08 (Pages 55 - 76)

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/2026/09 (Pages 77 - 92)

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.

14 Appeals Update 13.01.2026 (Pages 93 - 96)

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

02/12/2025 at 9.30 am



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

Also in Attendance:

Alan Evans	Group Solicitor
Jack Grendan	Constitutional Services
Susan Loftus	Licensing Officer
Nicola Lord	Licensing Officer

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 4th November 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/2025/66

The panel considered an application to review a dual driver's licence, due to a conviction recorded against the licence holder which calls into 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 had appeared before the Panel, namely the Driver's conduct in respect of complaints of inappropriate conversations with passengers, the report written by the Officer, her recommendations, the driver's comments and the Council's Statement of Fitness and Suitability, the Driver is not a fit and proper person and accordingly the licence was suspended with immediate effect for a period of 2 months on the grounds of

public safety as the driver's passengers felt uncomfortable with the conversations and the driver had been spoken to by the operator after the complaints but did not alter his behaviour.

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

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DP/2025/67

The Panel considered a report that informed them of an application for a new Dual Driver's licence, which, due to convictions recorded against the Applicant called 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 had appeared before the Panel, namely convictions including one for criminal damage in 2021, the report written by the officer, their recommendations, the Applicant's comments and the Council's Statement of Fitness and Suitability, the Applicant was not a fit and proper person and accordingly the application for a licence was refused on the grounds that the decision is 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/2025/68

The Panel considered a report that informed them of an application for a new Dual Driver's licence, which, due to convictions recorded against the Applicant called 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 had appeared before the Panel, namely the Driver's conviction for fraud, the report written by the Officer, their recommendations, the Applicant's comments and the Council's Statement of Fitness and Suitability, the Applicant was not a fit and proper person and accordingly the application for a licence was refused on the grounds that the decision is 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/2025/69

The Panel considered a report that informed them of an application for a new Dual Driver's licence, which, due to convictions recorded against the Applicant called 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 had appeared before the Panel, namely a conviction for a Public Order Act offence, the report written by the Officer, their recommendations, the Applicant's comments and the Council's Statement of Fitness and Suitability, the Applicant was not a fit and proper person and accordingly the application for a licence was refused on the grounds that the decision is 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/2025/70
The Panel considered a report that informed them of an application for a new Dual Driver's licence, which, due to convictions recorded against the Applicant called 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 had appeared before the Panel, namely a conviction for motoring offences, the report written by the Officer, their recommendations, the Applicant's comments and the Council's Statement of Fitness and Suitability, the Applicant was not a fit and proper person and according the application for a licence was refused on the grounds that the decision is 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/2025/71

The Panel considered a report that informed them of an application for a new Dual Driver's licence, which, due to information received from Greater Manchester Police about allegations of assault against the Applicant called 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 had appeared before the Panel, namely information received from Greater Manchester Police about allegations of assault, the report written by the Officer, their recommendations, the Applicant's comments and the Council's Statement of Fitness and Suitability, the applicant was considered to be a fit and

proper person and accordingly a licence was granted for a period of 3 years on the grounds that no action was taken by the Police in relation to the allegations.

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

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DP/2025/72

The panel considered an application to review a dual driver's licence, due to a conviction recorded against the licence holder calls into 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 had appeared before the Panel, namely convictions for motoring offences, the report written by the Officer, their recommendations, the Driver's comments and the Council's Statement of Fitness and Suitability, the Driver was not considered to be a fit and proper person and the most appropriate action in the circumstances was to give the Driver a written warning about their conduct rather than revoking or suspending the licence.

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

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APPEALS UPDATE 02.12.25

RESOLVED that the appeals update be noted.

The meeting started at 9.30 am and ended at 12.40 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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