

***LICENSING DRIVER PANEL  
Regulatory Committee  
Agenda***

Date Tuesday 3 March 2026

Time 9.30 am

Venue JR Clynes Building, Cultural Quarter, Greaves Street, Oldham, OL1 1AL

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 email [constitutional.services@oldham.gov.uk](mailto:constitutional.services@oldham.gov.uk)

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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 Meetings (Pages 5 - 12)  
The Minutes of the Licensing Driver Panel meetings held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026 and 17<sup>th</sup> February 2026 are attached for approval.
- 6 Order of Proceedings (Pages 13 - 14)  
To note the order of proceedings.
- 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 Review of a Dual Driver Licence (DP/2026/23) (Pages 15 - 28)  
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.
- 9 Review of a Dual Driver Licence (DP/2026/24) (Pages 29 - 46)  
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 New Application for a Dual Driver Licence (DP/2026/25) (Pages 47 - 54)



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 the applicant's 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.

11 New Application for a Dual Driver Licence (DP/2026/26) (Pages 55 - 60)

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 the applicant's 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.

12 New Application for a Dual Driver Licence (DP/2026/27) (Pages 61 - 66)

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 the applicant's 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 New Application for a Dual Driver Licence (DP/2026/28) (Pages 67 - 72)

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 the applicants 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 Licensing Drivers Panel – Appeals Update (Pages 73 - 76)

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

Also in Attendance:

Laila Chowdhury	Constitutional Services
Alan Evans	Group Solicitor
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           **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/2026/12**

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, the report written by the Officer, their 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 be **SUSPENDED** with immediate effect until 12 October 2026 when the licence is due for renewal and if the driver receives any further convictions, their renewal application will be brought back to the Panel to consider. The decision is in accordance with the Council's Statement of fitness and suitability, and the licence is suspended with immediate

effect on the grounds of public safety due to the nature of the conviction.



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

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**DP/2026/13**

The Panel considered an application to renew a dual hackney carriage / private hire driver's licence, where convictions recorded against the applicant calls into question whether they remain a 'fit and proper' person to hold a licence.

**RESOLVED** that:

1. 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 be GRANTED a licence for a period of one year with the licence to be renewed for a further period of two years if the Applicant receives no further convictions or complaints about their behaviour in the meantime and their licence is to be revoked with immediate effect on the grounds of public safety if the Applicant receives another motoring conviction in the next twelve months.
2. In addition the licence will be suspended for a month with immediate effect on the grounds of public safety and the Applicant be required to attend the Council's driver awareness course before their licence is returned to them.
3. The decision is in accordance with the Council's Statement of fitness and suitability, as the Applicant's convictions call into question their safety on the road but the circumstances surrounding the handling of their licence application on the balance of probabilities do not justify refusal of the application.

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

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**DP/2026/14**

The Panel considered an application to renew 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, the report written by the Officer, their recommendations, the Driver's comments and the Council's Statement of Fitness and Suitability, subject to the Driver providing the Licensing Section and the Chair of the Panel with evidence of the insurance policy which relates to their conviction the licence be GRANTED for one year with the licence to be renewed for a further period of

two years if the Driver receives no further convictions or complaints against them in the meantime,



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

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**DP/2026/15**

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 the Applicant's inappropriate conduct and arrest, 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 on the grounds that insufficient time has passed since the Applicant's licence was revoked in 2023 for the Panel to be satisfied on the balance of probabilities that the Applicant is now a fit and proper person.

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

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**DP/2026/16**

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 is not a fit and proper person and accordingly the application be REFUSED t on the grounds that the decision is in accordance with the guidance in the Council's Statement of Fitness and Suitability.

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

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**DP/2026/17**

The Panel considered an application 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 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 information received about the Driver, the report written by the Officer, their recommendations, the Driver's comments and the Council's Statement of Fitness and Suitability, the Driver's conduct towards their passengers was inappropriate and the Driver be given a final written warning not to engage in personal conversations with passengers in future.

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

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**APPEALS UPDATE 10.02.26**

**RESOLVED** that the Appeals update be noted.

The meeting started at 9.30 am and ended at 1.55 pm

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**LICENSING DRIVER PANEL**  
**17/02/2026 at 9.30 am**



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

Also in Attendance:

Alan Evans	Group Solicitor
Jack Grennan	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 for the panel to consider.

5           **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2026 be approved as a correct record.

6           **ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS**

**RESOLVED:** That the Order of Proceedings was 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/2026/18**

The Panel considered an application to grant a dual driver's licence, which due to convictions calls into 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 Driver had appeared before the Panel, namely convictions for speeding on three occasions since 2024, the report written by the Officer, her 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 was refused on

the grounds that the Applicant's convictions demonstrate that they are not a safe driver.

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

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**DP/2026/19**

The Panel considered an application to grant a dual driver's licence, which due to a conviction calls into 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 Driver had appeared before the Panel, namely convictions, the report written by the Officer, her recommendations, the Applicant's comments and the Council's Statement of Fitness and Suitability, the Applicant is a fit and proper person and accordingly granted the Applicant a licence for a period of 1 year with the licence to be renewed for a further two years if the Council receives no complaints about the Applicant's behaviour in the meantime or if the Applicant receives any convictions.

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

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**DP/2026/20**

The Panel considered an application to grant a Dual Driver's licence, which due to convictions calls into 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 three serious motoring offences since 2020, the report written by the Officer, her 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 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 with a representative and addressed the Panel.

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**DP/2026/21**

The Panel considered an application to grant a Dual Driver's licence, which due to convictions calls into 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 Driver had

appeared before the Panel, namely convictions, the report written by the Officer, her 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 Applicant be granted a licence for a period of 1 year with the licence to be renewed annually for each of the following 2 years subject to the Council receiving no complaints about the Applicant's conduct or the Applicant receiving no convictions in the meantime..

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

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**DP/2026/22**

The Panel considered an application to grant a Dual Driver's licence, which, due to convictions and the Applicant's failure to notify the Council of his convictions when he applied for the licence, calls into 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 Driver had appeared before the Panel namely convictions and the Applicant's failure to notify the Council of convictions when applying for the licence, the report written by the Officer, her 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 was refused on the grounds that the Applicant had been informed by his current licensing authority in 2022 that convictions must be stated when any driver licence application is submitted, but despite this, the Applicant had failed to notify the Council of his conviction in the application.

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

The meeting started at 9.35 am and ended at 12.10 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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