

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

Date Tuesday 21 July 2026

Time 10.00 am

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

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Membership of the LICENSING DRIVER PANEL
Councillors Arstan, Brownridge, Chowhan, Shuttleworth, Taleb, Tarbuck and Wilkinson

Item No

1 Election of Chair

The Panel is asked to elect a Chair for the duration of the meeting.

2 Apologies For Absence

3 Urgent Business

Urgent business, if any, introduced by the Chair

4 Declarations of Interest

To Receive Declarations of Interest in any Contract or matter to be discussed at the meeting.

5 Public Question Time

To receive Questions from the Public, in accordance with the Council's Constitution.

6 Minutes of Previous Meeting (Pages 5 - 12)

The Minutes of the meetings held on 30th June and 7th July 2026 are attached for approval.

7 Order of Proceedings (Pages 13 - 14)

8 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.

9 DP/2026/49 (Pages 15 - 24)

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/2026/50 (Pages 25 - 32)

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11 DP/2026/53 (Pages 33 - 40)

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LICENSING DRIVER PANEL
30/06/2026 at 10.00 am

Present: Councillor Chowhan (Chair)
Councillors Arstan, Brownridge, Shuttleworth (Chair for item 13),
Tarbuck and Wilkinson

Also in Attendance:

Elise Brophy	Senior Licensing Officer
Alan Evans	Group Solicitor
Susan Loftus	Licensing Project and Hearings Officer
Kaidy McCann	Constitutional Services
Sumayya Rawat	Solicitor

1 ELECTION OF CHAIR

RESOLVED that Councillor Chowhan be elected Chair for the duration of the meeting.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence received.

3 URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of urgent business received.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Chowhan declared a personal interest at item 13.

5 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no public questions received.

6 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 7th April 2026 be approved as a correct record.

7 ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

RESOLVED that the Order of Proceedings be noted.

8 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.

9 DP-2026-38

The Panel considered an application to review a Dual Driver's Licence, where information recorded against the licence holder called in to question their fitness and propriety to be a suitable person to hold such a licence.

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 was not a fit and proper person and accordingly the licence be revoked with immediate effect 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/2026/39

The Panel considered an application to review a Dual Driver's Licence, where information recorded against the licence holder called in to question their fitness and propriety to be a suitable person to hold such a licence.

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 was not a fit and proper person and accordingly the licence be revoked with immediate effect in accordance with the guidance in the Council's Statement of Fitness and Suitability.

NOTE: The Applicant did not attend the meeting to address the Panel.

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DP/2026/40

The Panel considered an application to review a Dual Driver's Licence, where information recorded against the licence holder called in to question their fitness and propriety to be a suitable person to hold such a licence.

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 was not a fit and proper person and accordingly a written warning not to repeat the conducted be issued.

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

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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, the report written by the Officer, their recommendations, the Driver's comments and the Council's Statement of Fitness and Suitability, the application be deferred to the 22nd September 2026 Panel.

NOTE: The Applicant did not attend the meeting to address the Panel.

Councillor Chowhan declared a personal interest and took no part in the discussion or vote thereon.

The Panel considered an application to review a Dual Driver's Licence, where information recorded against the licence holder called in to question their fitness and propriety to be a suitable person to hold such a licence.

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 was not a fit and proper person and accordingly the licence be revoked with immediate effect in accordance with the guidance in the Council's Statement of Fitness and Suitability.

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

The Panel considered an application for a new Dual Driver's Licence, which, due to a conviction, called into question the Applicant's fitness and propriety to be a suitable person to hold such a licence.

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, the report written by the Officer, their 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 for a further period of 2

years if the Council receives no complaints about the Applicant's conduct in the meantime.

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



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APPEAL UPDATE 30.06.26

RESOLVED that the Appeal Update be noted.

The meeting started at 10.00 am and ended at 1.06 pm

Present: Councillor Chowhan (Chair)
Councillors Arstan, Brownridge, Shuttleworth, Taleb, Tarbuck
and Taylor (Substitute)

Also in Attendance:

Elise Brophy

Senior Licensing Officer

Alan Evans

Group Solicitor

Kaidy McCann

Constitutional Services

1 ELECTION OF CHAIR

RESOLVED that Councillor Chowhan be elected Chair for the duration of the meeting.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Wilkinson.

3 URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of urgent business received.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received.

5 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no Public Questions received.

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/2026/43

The Panel considered an application to review a Dual Driver's Licence, where information recorded against the licence holder called in to question their fitness and propriety to be a suitable person to hold such a licence.

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 was not a fit and proper person and accordingly the licence be revoked with immediate effect 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/2026/44

The Panel considered an application to review a Dual Driver's Licence, where information recorded against the licence holder called in to question their fitness and propriety to be a suitable person to hold such a licence.

RESOLVED that, based on the information provided to the Panel, having taken into account the reason the Driver had appeared before the Panel, namely a caution received, 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 a fit and proper person and accordingly, a written warning be given.

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

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DP/2026/45

The Panel considered an application to review a Dual Driver's Licence, where information recorded against the licence holder called in to question their fitness and propriety to be a suitable person to hold such a licence.

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 was not a fit and proper person and accordingly the licence be revoked with immediate effect 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/2026/46

The Panel considered an application to review a Dual Driver's Licence, where information recorded against the licence holder called in to question their fitness and propriety to be a suitable person to hold such a licence.

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 was not a fit and proper person and accordingly the licence be suspended for 2 months with immediate effect in accordance with the guidance in the Council's Statement of Fitness and Suitability, and the Driver to repeat the Driver Awareness Training.

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

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DP/2026/47

The Panel considered an application to review a Dual Driver's Licence, where information recorded against the licence holder called in to question their fitness and propriety to be a suitable person to hold such a licence.

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, the report written by the Officer, their recommendations, the Driver's comments and the Council's Statement of Fitness and Suitability, the Driver is a fit and proper person and accordingly, no action be taken.

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

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DP/2026/48

The Panel considered an application for a new Dual Driver's Licence, which, due to a conviction, called into question the Applicant's fitness and propriety to be a suitable person to hold such a licence.

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 was refused 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.

The meeting started at 10.00 am and ended at 1.27 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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