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LICENSING DRIVER PANEL
Regulatory Committee
Agenda

Date	Tuesday 3 November 2026
Time	10.00 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

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

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 1st September and 29th September 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/2026/74 (Pages 15 - 20)

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

10 DP/2026/75 (Pages 21 - 28)

The purpose of this report is to inform Members of an application for a new Dual Driver's licence, which, due to a conviction call into 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 DP/2026/76 (Pages 29 - 36)

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 DP/2026/77 (Pages 37 - 42)

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 DP/2026/78 (Pages 43 - 48)

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.

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LICENSING DRIVER PANEL
01/09/2026 at 10.00 am

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

Also in Attendance:

Alan Evans	Solicitor
Nicola Lord	Principal Licensing Officer
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 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 21st July 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/2026/51**

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, 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 3 months with immediate effect in accordance with the guidlines in the Council's Statement of Fitness and Suitability as the Driver's convictions related to speeding offences which put the public at risk.

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

10 **DP/2026/54**

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,

1. 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, 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 suspend for 2 months with immediate effect in accordance with the guidlines in the Council's Statement of Fitness and Suitability.
2. When the suspension expires the Driver be subject to a 12 month probation period, during which if the Council receives any complaints about his behaviour or he receives any further convictions he will be brought back before the Panel.

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

11 **DP/2026/55**

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, 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 guidlines in the Council's Statement of Fitness and Suitability, as his conviction had put the public at risk.

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

12 **DP/2026/56**

RESOLVED that the item be deferred as the Driver had failed to attend.

13 **DP/2026/57**

The Panel considered an application to renew 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, 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 application to renew the licence be refused in accordance with the guidlines in the Council's Statement of Fitness and Suitability and the decision shall take immediate effect on the grounds of public safety as the conviction was for driving without insurance, which put the public at risk.

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

14 **APPEALS UPDATE 01/09/2026**

RESOLVED that the Appeals Update be noted.

The meeting started at 10.00 am and ended at 12.39 pm

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LICENSING DRIVER PANEL
29/09/2026 at 10.00 am

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

Also in Attendance:

Laila Chowdhury	Constitutional Services
Alan Evans	Solicitor
Nicola Lord	Licensing

1 **ELECTION OF CHAIR**

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

2 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Taleb, Tarbuck and Wilkinson.

3 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of urgent business received.

4 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Declarations of non-pecuniary interest were received from Councillor Arstan and Councillor Chowhan on Item 10, both Councillors left the meeting and did not participate in any deliberation or decision making on that item.

5 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no public questions received.

6 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 1 September 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-2026-62**

The Panel considered an application for a new Dual Driver's Licence, where information recorded against the Applicant called in to 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 their conduct, the report written by the Officer, 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 licence be REFUSED on the grounds that the Applicant's conduct was a criminal offence and as a result the Applicant's licence had been revoked by Wolverhampton City Council in 2025.

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

10 **DP/2026-63**

The Panel considered an application for a new Dual Driver's Licence, where due to convictions recorded against the Applicant called in to 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, 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 be REFUSED on the grounds that the decision is in accordance with the guidelines in the Councils Statement of Fitness and Suitability.

NOTE:

1. The Applicant attended the meeting and addressed the Panel.
2. Councillor Arstan and Councillor N Chowhan both declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 10 and left the meeting and did not participate in any deliberations or decision making.

11 **DP-2026-64**

The Panel considered an application for a new Dual Driver's Licence, where due to convictions recorded against the Applicant called in to 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, the Applicant's comments and the Council's Statement of Fitness and Suitability, that the Applicant is a fit and proper person and accordingly be GRANTED a licence for a period of eighteen months with the licence to be renewed for a further period of eighteen months if the Council receive no complaints about their conduct in the meantime.

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

12 **DP/2026/65**

The Panel considered an application for a new Dual Driver's Licence, where due to a conviction recorded against the Applicant called in to 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, 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 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.

13 **DP/2026/66**

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:
1. 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, 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 with immediate effect for a period of three months on the grounds of public safety as the Driver has received 3 speeding convictions in 2 years;
2. Within the next 14 days the Driver is required to provide the Licensing Section with proof that he has notified his car insurer of his convictions and his earlier attendance on a speed awareness course.

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

14 **DP/2026/67**

The Panel considered an application for a new Dual Driver's Licence, where due to a conviction recorded against the Applicant called in to 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 conviction, the report written by the Officer, the Applicant's comments and the Council's Statement of Fitness and Suitability, the Applicant was a fit and proper person and accordingly the licence be GRANTED for a period of three years subject to a written warning about the Applicant's failure to notify the Council about their conviction.

NOTE: The Applicant attended the meeting accompanied by their wife / partner as interpreter and addressed the Panel.

15 **APPEALS UPDATE**

RESOLVED that the Appeals Update be noted.

The meeting started at 10.00 am and ended at 1.26 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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