

LICENSING DRIVER PANEL
10/01/2023 at 9.30 am



Present: Councillor Surjan (Chair)
Councillors Byrne, Cosgrove, C. Gloster, McLaren, Shuttleworth
and Wilkinson

Also in Attendance:

Laila Chowdhury	Constitutional Services
Alan Evans	Solicitor
Susan Loftus	Licensing Projects and Hearings Officer
Nicola Lord	Principal Licensing Officer
Kaidy McCann	Constitutional Services

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence received.

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 6th
December 2022 be approved as a correct record.

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-2023-01**

RESOLVED that, based on the information provided to the
Panel, having considered the Driver's conduct and taking into
account Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council's 'Statement of
Fitness and Suitability (Private Hire & Hackney Carriage)',
approved by the Council in March 2018, the current dual
hackney carriage/private hire driver's licence be suspended for a
period of two months.

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

8 **DP-2023-02**

RESOLVED that, based on the information provided to the Panel, having considered the Driver's conduct and taking into account Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council's 'Statement of Fitness and Suitability (Private Hire & Hackney Carriage)', approved by the Council in March 2018, the current dual hackney carriage/private hire driver's licence be revoked.

NOTE: the Driver did not attend the meeting to address the Panel.

9 **DP-2023-03**

RESOLVED that, based on the information provided to the Panel, having considered the Driver's conduct and taking into account Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council's 'Statement of Fitness and Suitability (Private Hire & Hackney Carriage)', approved by the Council in March 2018, the application for a new dual driver licence be REFUSED.

NOTE: the Driver and an Interpreter attended the meeting and addressed the Panel.

10 **DP-2023-04**

RESOLVED that, based on the information provided to the Panel, having considered the Driver's conduct and taking into account Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council's 'Statement of Fitness and Suitability (Private Hire & Hackney Carriage)', approved by the Council in March 2018, the current dual hackney carriage/private hire driver's licence be REVOKED with immediate effect.

NOTE: the Driver did not attend the meeting to address the Panel.

11 **DP-2023-05**

RESOLVED that, based on the information provided to the Panel, having considered the Driver's conduct and taking into account Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council's 'Statement of Fitness and Suitability (Private Hire & Hackney Carriage)', approved by the Council in March 2018, the application for a new dual driver licence be GRANTED for a period of one year.

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

12 **APPEALS UPDATE 10.01.2023**

RESOLVED that the updated information on the appeals against the decisions of the Council's Licensing Driver Panel and those made under delegated powers be noted.



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The meeting started at 9.37 am and ended at 11.56 am