

**LICENSING DRIVER PANEL**  
**18/06/2024 at 9.30 am**

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

Also in attendance  
Nicola Lord - Principal Licensing Officer  
Susan Loftus – Licensing Projects and Hearings Officer  
Alan Evans- Group Solicitor  
Durga Paul- 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**

The were no Public Questions for this meeting to consider.

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/2024/52**

The Panel considered an application to review a licence, due to the conduct of the Driver which calls 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 has appeared before the Panel, namely: convictions, the report written by the Officer, their recommendations, the applicants comments and the Council's Statement of Fitness and Suitability the Applicant is not a fit and proper person and accordingly the licence is to be **SUSPENDED** for a period of 14 days as although Council Guidelines would suggest the revocation of the Licence, the Panel are satisfied that due to the mitigating circumstances, a 14 day suspension is more appropriate.

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

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**DP/2024/53**

APPLICATION WITHDRAWN

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**DP/2024/54**

The Panel considered a report to inform them of an application for a new Dual Driver's licence, which, due to a conviction recorded against the Applicant calls 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 has appeared before the Panel, namely: convictions, the report written by the Officer, their recommendations, the applicants 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 with accordance with the Council's guidelines relating to dishonest conduct.

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

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**DP/2024/55**

The Panel considered a report to inform them of an application for a new Dual Driver's licence, which, due to a conviction recorded against the Applicant calls 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 has appeared before the Panel, namely: convictions, the report written by the Officer, their recommendations, and the Council's Statement of Fitness and Suitability, the Applicant is not a fit and proper person and accordingly the application be REFUSED in Council's Statement of Fitness and Suitability as insufficient time has passed since the convictions.

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**DP/2024/58**

The Panel considered an application to review a licence, due to the conduct of the Driver which calls 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 Driver has 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 Applicant is not a fit and proper person and accordingly the licence is to be SUSPENDED for a period of 5 Months on the

grounds that the number of driving convictions received over a short period of time calls into question the Driver's driving ability.

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

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**DP/2024/57**

The Panel considered a report to inform them of an application for a new Dual Driver's licence, which, due to information received calls 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 has appeared before the Panel, namely: his arrest and the allegations against him, 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 as on the balance of probabilities, the Panel is satisfied that the conduct of the applicant was contrary to the Council's statement of fitness and suitability.

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

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**DP/2024/56**

The Panel considered a report to inform them of an application for a new Dual Driver's licence, which, due to a conviction recorded against the Applicant calls 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 has 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 in accordance with the Council's Statement of Fitness and Suitability.

NOTE: The Applicant attended the meeting and addressed the Panel

The meeting started at 9.34am and ended at 12.46pm