

LICENSING DRIVER PANEL
04/03/2025 at 9.30 am

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

Also in attendance
Elise Brophy- Licensing Officer
Susan Loftus- Licensing Projects & Hearings Officer
Sumayya Rawat- Solicitor
Durga Paul- Constitutional Services

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Hamblett.

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 for this meeting to consider.

5 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 11th
February 2025 be approved as a correct record.

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/2025/13**

The Panel considered an application to review a licence, due to
a conviction 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 a conviction, the report
written by the Officer, their recommendations, the driver's
comments and the Council's Statement of Fitness and
Suitability, the Driver is no longer a fit and proper person and
accordingly the licence is to be REVOKED in accordance with

the guidelines in the Council's Statement of Fitness and Suitability with immediate effect on the grounds of public safety.

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

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DP/2025/14

The Panel considered a report to inform them of an application for a new Dual Driver's licence, which, due to convictions 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 guidelines in the Council's Statement of Fitness and Suitability.

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

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DP/2025/15

The Panel considered an application to review a licence, due to a conviction 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 a conviction, the report written by the Officer, their recommendations, the driver's comments and the Council's Statement of Fitness and Suitability, the Driver is no longer a fit and proper person and accordingly the licence is to be **REVOKED** in accordance with the guidelines in the Council's Statement of Fitness and Suitability with immediate effect on the grounds of public safety.

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

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DP/2025/16

The Panel considered a report to inform them of an application for a new Dual Driver's licence, which, due to convictions 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 guidelines in the Council's Statement of Fitness and Suitability.

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

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DP/2025/17

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 a conviction, the report written by the Officer, their recommendations, the Applicant's comments and the Council's Statement of Fitness and Suitability, the Applicant is deemed to be a fit and proper person and accordingly the application is GRANTED for a probationary period of twelve months to be extended for a further 2 years if no issues about the Applicant's conduct arise in the meantime. The decision to grant was made on the grounds that the Panel believe that the applicant was a victim of fraud and this led to the conviction.

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

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DP/2025/18

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 a conviction, the report written by the Officer, their recommendations, the Applicant's comments and the Council's Statement of Fitness and Suitability, the Applicant is deemed to be a fit and proper person and accordingly the application is GRANTED for a probationary period of twelve months to be extended for a further 2 years if no issues about the Applicant's conduct arise in the meantime. The decision to grant was made on the grounds that the applicant has taken positive steps to change his life and not demonstrated further offending behaviour in 17 years.

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

The meeting started at 9.30am and ended at 12.40pm