

LICENSING DRIVER PANEL
08/04/2025 at 9.30 am



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

Also in Attendance:

Alan Evans	Group Solicitor
Elise Brophy	Licensing Officer
Susan Loftus	Licensing Projects and Hearing Officers
Andrew Mather	Constitutional Services

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Byrne and Hamblett

2 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of urgent business received.

3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Chowhan declared a personal interest in item 10 as he knew the Applicant and took no part in consideration of the item.

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 4th March 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/2025/19**

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/2025/20

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NOTE: The Applicant did not attend the meeting.

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DP/2025/21

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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.

NOTE: Councillor Chowhan declared a personal interest in the item as he knew the Applicant and left the meeting during consideration of the item.

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DP/2025/22

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/2025/23

The Panel considered an application to review a dual driver's 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 for driving without due care and attention, 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 considered to be 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/2025/24

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 a licence was made on the grounds that the conviction was in 2019 and the Panel was satisfied that the Applicant had changed their lifestyle and was now a fit and proper person



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

The meeting started at 9.30 am and ended at 12.15 pm

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