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LICENSING DRIVER PANEL
02/12/2025 at 9.30 am



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

Also in Attendance:

Alan Evans	Group Solicitor
Jack Grennan	Constitutional Services
Susan Loftus	Licensing Officer
Nicola Lord	Licensing Officer

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Hindle.

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 4th November 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/2025/66**

The panel considered an application to review a dual driver's licence, due to a conviction recorded against the licence holder which calls into 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 had appeared before the Panel, namely the Driver's conduct in respect of complaints of inappropriate conversations with passengers, the report written by the Officer, her recommendations, the driver's comments and the Council's Statement of Fitness and Suitability, the Driver is not a fit and proper person and accordingly the licence was suspended with immediate effect for a period of 2 months on the grounds of

public safety as the driver's passengers felt uncomfortable with the conversations and the driver had been spoken to by the operator after the complaints but did not alter his behaviour.

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

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DP/2025/67

The Panel considered a report that informed them of an application for a new Dual Driver's licence, which, due to convictions recorded against the Applicant called 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 had appeared before the Panel, namely convictions including one for criminal damage in 2021, the report written by the officer, their recommendations, 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 a licence was refused on the grounds that the decision is 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/2025/68

The Panel considered a report that informed them of an application for a new Dual Driver's licence, which, due to convictions recorded against the Applicant called 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 had appeared before the Panel, namely the Driver's conviction for fraud, the report written by the Officer, their recommendations, 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 a licence was refused on the grounds that the decision is 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/2025/69

The Panel considered a report that informed them of an application for a new Dual Driver's licence, which, due to convictions recorded against the Applicant called 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 had appeared before the Panel, namely a conviction for a Public Order Act offence, the report written by the Officer, their recommendations, 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 a licence was refused on the grounds that the decision is 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/2025/70

The Panel considered a report that informed them of an application for a new Dual Driver's licence, which, due to convictions recorded against the Applicant called 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 had appeared before the Panel, namely a conviction for motoring offences, the report written by the Officer, their recommendations, the Applicant's comments and the Council's Statement of Fitness and Suitability, the Applicant was not a fit and proper person and according the application for a licence was refused on the grounds that the decision is 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/2025/71

The Panel considered a report that informed them of an application for a new Dual Driver's licence, which, due to information received from Greater Manchester Police about allegations of assault against the Applicant called 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 had appeared before the Panel, namely information received from Greater Manchester Police about allegations of assault, the report written by the Officer, their recommendations, the Applicant's comments and the Council's Statement of Fitness and Suitability, the applicant was considered to be a fit and

proper person and accordingly a licence was granted for a period of 3 years on the grounds that no action was taken by the Police in relation to the allegations.

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

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DP/2025/72

The panel considered an application to review a dual driver's licence, due to a conviction recorded against the licence holder calls into 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 had appeared before the Panel, namely convictions for motoring offences, the report written by the Officer, their recommendations, the Driver's comments and the Council's Statement of Fitness and Suitability, the Driver was not considered to be a fit and proper person and the most appropriate action in the circumstances was to give the Driver a written warning about their conduct rather than revoking or suspending the licence.

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

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APPEALS UPDATE 02.12.25

RESOLVED that the appeals update be noted.

The meeting started at 9.30 am and ended at 12.40 pm