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LICENSING DRIVER PANEL
13/01/2026 at 9.30 am



Present: Councillor S. Hussain (Chair)
Councillors Byrne, Chowhan, 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**

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 2nd December 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/2026/01**

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 suitability 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 an Adult Caution, 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 a written warning be issued to the Driver not to repeat the behaviour on the grounds that the offence was of a relatively low level nature relating to a family dispute and the

Driver having had no previous history of complaints or convictions against him.

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

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DP/2026/02

The Panel considered an application to review a dual driver's licence, due to information recorded against the licence holder which called 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 being found with cannabis in the vehicle fuel cap of his vehicle and being due in court later this year for a drug driving offence, 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 is revoked with immediate effect on the grounds that the decision is in accordance with the Council's Statement of Fitness and Suitability and the Driver had previously admitted that the drugs had belonged to him and he had admitted to smoking cannabis every two weeks. The Driver's use of cannabis called into question the safety of his passengers whilst driving and therefore the licence is revoked with immediate effect on the grounds of public safety.

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

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DP/2026/03

The Panel considered an application to review a dual driver's licence, due to information recorded against the licence holder which calls into question their fitness and suitability 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 using a self defence spray against another person while driving their vehicle, the report written by the Officer, her recommendations, the Driver's comments and the Council's Statement of Fitness and Suitability, the driver was not a fit and proper person and accordingly the Driver be given a written warning not to repeat the conduct on the grounds that the police have confirmed the Driver acted in self defence and had taken no action. Also, the Driver had no previous complaints or convictions recorded against him.

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

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 convictions for speeding, the report written by the Officer, her recommendations, the driver's comments and the Council's Statement of Fitness and Suitability, the Driver was not a fit and proper person and accordingly the licence be suspended with immediate effect for a period of three months on the grounds that since obtaining the licence in 2024, the driver had received three speeding convictions in less than 12 months despite receiving a final written warning before the Driver's last conviction. The Panel considered that the speeding convictions call into question the safety of the Driver's passengers and therefore the Driver's licence is suspended with immediate effect on the grounds of public safety.

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

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 convictions for road traffic offences, the report written by the Officer, her recommendations, the driver's comments and the Council's Statement of Fitness and Suitability, the Driver was not a fit and proper person and accordingly be issued with a final written warning on the grounds that the decision is in accordance with the guidance in the Council's Statement of Fitness and Suitability.

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

The Panel considered an application to review a dual driver's licence, due to information 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 that three separate complaints about their behaviour towards passengers had been received, the report written by the Officer, her recommendations, the Driver's comments and the Council's Statement of Fitness and Suitability, the driver was not a fit and proper person and accordingly the licence be revoked with immediate effect on the grounds that the complaints are from three separate women on different dates but are of a similar nature consisting of inappropriate remarks and behaviour. The Panel is satisfied on the balance of probabilities that the incidents occurred and consequently the decision is to revoke the Driver's licence with immediate effect on the grounds of public safety.

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

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APPEALS UPDATE 13.01.2026

RESOLVED that the appeals update be noted.

The meeting started at 9.35 am and ended at 12.30 pm