LICENSING DRIVER PANEL
22/09/2026 at 10.00 am

Present: Councillor
Councillors Arstan, Brownridge, Chowhan, Klonowski (Substitute), Shuttleworth and Taylor (Substitute)

Also in Attendance:

Laila Chowdhury	Constitutional Services
Nicola Lord	Licensing Manager
Alan Evans	Group Solicitor

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Taleb, Tarbuck and Wilkinson.

2 **ELECTION OF CHAIR**

RESOLVED that Councillor Paul Taylor be elected Chair for the duration of the meeting.

3 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of urgent business received.

4 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest received.

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-2026-41**

The Panel considered an application to review a Dual Driver's Licence, where information recorded against the licence holder called in to question their fitness and propriety to be a suitable person to hold such a licence.

RESOLVED that the Panel DEFFERED consideration of this matter until the outcome of the court hearing involving the licence holder.

NOTE: The Driver attended the meeting accompanied by his wife as Interpreter and addressed the Panel.

8 **DP-2026-52**

The Panel considered an application to review a Dual Driver's Licence, where information recorded against the licence holder called in to question their fitness and propriety to be a suitable person to hold such a licence.

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, the report written by the Officer, 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 either two months or the completion of a Driver refresher course whichever is the latest, on the grounds that the conviction related to a road traffic accident where the Driver put the public at risk and therefore the suspension will take place immediately in the interest of public safety.

NOTE: The Driver attended the meeting accompanied by a union representative from the Oldham Private Hire Taxi Association and addressed the Panel.

9 **DP-2026-58**

The Panel considered an application to renew a Dual Hackney carriage / Private Hire Driver's Licence, where convictions recorded against the Driver; called in to question their fitness and propriety to be a suitable person to hold such a licence.

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, the report written by the Officer, the Driver's comments and the Council's Statement of Fitness and Suitability, the Panel decided to GRANT a licence for a period of one year with the licence to be renewed for a further period of two years if the Council receives no complaints about the Driver's behaviour in the meantime and also the Driver be issued with a written warning about their driving.

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

10 **DP-2026-59**

The Panel considered an application to review a Dual Driver's Licence, where information recorded against the licence holder called in to question their fitness and propriety to be a suitable person to hold such a licence.

RESOLVED that the Panel DEFFERED consideration of this matter until the outcome of the police investigation into their behaviour but if the Council receives any complaints about the Driver's conduct in the meantime, the Driver will be brought back before the Panel.

NOTE:

The Driver attended the meeting accompanied by an Interpreter for translation purposes and addressed the Panel and submitted a written statement and character references from the Driver's neighbour and employer.

11 **DP-2026-60**

The Panel considered an application to review a Dual Driver's Licence, where information recorded against the licence holder called in to question their fitness and propriety to be a suitable person to hold such a licence.

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, the report written by the Officer, 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 one month on the grounds that the Driver's conviction related to a driving offence which put the public at risk and therefore the Driver's licence will be suspended for a month in the interests of public safety.

NOTE: The Driver attended the meeting accompanied by an Interpreter and addressed the Panel.

12 **DP-2026-61**

The Panel considered an application for a new Dual Driver's Licence, where information recorded about the Applicant's conduct called in to question their fitness and propriety to be a suitable person to be granted such a licence.

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 about the Applicant's conduct, the report written by the Officer 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 licence be REFUSED in accordance with the guidance in the Council's Statement of Fitness and Suitability.

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

13 **DP-2026-56**

The Panel considered an application to review a Dual Driver's Licence, where information recorded against the licence holder called in to question their fitness and propriety to be a suitable person to hold such a licence.

RESOLVED that the consideration of the application be DEFERRED until the outcome of the police investigation.

NOTE: The Applicant did not attend the meeting.

The meeting started at 10.03 am and ended at 1.53 pm

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