LICENSING DRIVER PANEL
29/09/2026 at 10.00 am

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

Also in Attendance:

Laila Chowdhury	Constitutional Services
Alan Evans	Solicitor
Nicola Lord	Licensing

1 **ELECTION OF CHAIR**

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

2 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

3 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of urgent business received.

4 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Declarations of non-pecuniary interest were received from Councillor Arstan and Councillor Chowhan on Item 10, both Councillors left the meeting and did not participate in any deliberation or decision making on that item.

5 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no public questions received.

6 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 1 September 2026 be approved as a correct record.

7 **ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS**

RESOLVED that the Order of Proceedings be noted.

8 **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.

9 **DP-2026-62**

The Panel considered an application for a new Dual Driver's Licence, where information recorded against the Applicant called in to question the Applicant's 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 Applicant had appeared before the Panel, namely their 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REFUSED on the grounds that the Applicant's conduct was a criminal offence and as a result the Applicant's licence had been revoked by Wolverhampton City Council in 2025.

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

10 **DP/2026-63**

The Panel considered an application for a new Dual Driver's Licence, where due to convictions recorded against the Applicant called in to question the Applicant's 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 Applicant had appeared before the Panel, namely convictions, 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 be REFUSED on the grounds that the decision is in accordance with the guidelines in the Councils Statement of Fitness and Suitability.

NOTE:

1. The Applicant attended the meeting and addressed the Panel.
2. Councillor Arstan and Councillor N Chowhan both declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 10 and left the meeting and did not participate in any deliberations or decision making.

11 **DP-2026-64**

The Panel considered an application for a new Dual Driver's Licence, where due to convictions recorded against the Applicant called in to question the Applicant's 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 Applicant had appeared before the Panel, namely convictions, the report

written by the Officer, the Applicant's comments and the Council's Statement of Fitness and Suitability, that the Applicant is a fit and proper person and accordingly be GRANTED a licence for a period of eighteen months with the licence to be renewed for a further period of eighteen months if the Council receive no complaints about their conduct in the meantime.

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

12 **DP/2026/65**

The Panel considered an application for a new Dual Driver's Licence, where due to a conviction recorded against the Applicant called in to question the Applicant's 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 Applicant had appeared before the Panel, namely convictions, 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 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.

13 **DP/2026/66**

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:
1. 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 three months on the grounds of public safety as the Driver has received 3 speeding convictions in 2 years;
2. Within the next 14 days the Driver is required to provide the Licensing Section with proof that he has notified his car insurer of his convictions and his earlier attendance on a speed awareness course.

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

14 **DP/2026/67**

The Panel considered an application for a new Dual Driver's Licence, where due to a conviction recorded against the Applicant called in to question the Applicant's 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 Applicant had appeared before the Panel, namely conviction, the report written by the Officer, the Applicant's comments and the Council's Statement of Fitness and Suitability, the Applicant was a fit and proper person and accordingly the licence be GRANTED for a period of three years subject to a written warning about the Applicant's failure to notify the Council about their conviction.

NOTE: The Applicant attended the meeting accompanied by their wife / partner as interpreter and addressed the Panel.

15 **APPEALS UPDATE**

RESOLVED that the Appeals Update be noted.

The meeting started at 10.00 am and ended at 1.26 pm