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Agenda

Membership:

Cllrs:

Gareth Prosser
(Mayor)
Ann Isherwood
(Deputy Mayor)
Salman Akbar
Imran Altaf
Karen Ashley
Tom Baker-Price
Joanne Beecham
Juliet Brunner
Michael Chalk
Debbie Chance
Brandon Clayton
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Peter Fleming

Alex Fogg
Andrew Fry
Julian Grubb
Lucy Harrison
Wanda King
Anthony Lovell
Emma Marshall
Gemma Monaco
Nyear Nazir
Timothy Pearman
Mike Rouse
David Thain
Craig Warhurst
Jennifer Wheeler

9. Urgent Business - Record of Decisions (Pages 1 - 2)

To note any decisions taken in accordance with the Council's Urgency Procedure Rules (Part 9, Paragraph 5 and/or Part 10, Paragraph 15 of the Constitution), as specified.

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REDDITCH BOROUGH COUNCIL**RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN UNDER URGENCY PROCEDURES****SUBJECT: Licensing Delegation - Taxis****BRIEF STATEMENT OF SUBJECT MATTER:**

The following urgent decision is required to facilitate the continued functioning of Council business during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Members have previously agreed, in urgent decisions 02/2020, 09/2020, 05/2021 at a meeting of the Annual Council held on 22nd June 2020 and a Council meeting held on 16th November 2020, to delegate authority to the Head of Regulatory Services (Worcestershire Regulatory Services) to determine all matters in relation to Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Operators, vehicles and drivers. A further extension to this delegation is requested up to 30th September 2021.

Officers are currently in the process of reviewing taxi licensing arrangements for the Council in detail. Any proposals arising from this review will be reported for Members' consideration at a forthcoming meeting of the Constitutional Review Working Party. The extension to the delegations in respect of taxi licensing will provide time for this review to be completed effectively as well as extend delegated arrangements beyond the current end of the roadmap out of lockdown on 19th July 2021. The extension to this delegation will ensure that efficient Council business can continue during this period.

Should the extension to this delegation not be granted Members and Officers would need to physically attend meetings at the Town Hall and to collectively inspect vehicles. This would place Members, Officers and potentially members of the public, specifically taxi drivers, at risk of breaking social distancing rules.

DECISION:

for a temporary period up to 30th September 2021, the delegation to the Head of Regulatory Services (Worcestershire Regulatory Services) shall be to determine all matters in relation to Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Operators, Vehicles and Drivers.

(Council decision)**GROUND FOR URGENCY:**

The decision is required urgently to ensure the continuation of Council business during the Covid-19 pandemic and prior to the easing of restrictions nationally in July 2021.

DECISION APPROVED BY:*(Deputy)* **CHIEF EXECUTIVE****EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FINANCE & RESOURCES**
(if financial implications).....
(Signature) (Sue Hanley / Kevin Dicks - (D)CX).....
(Signature) (James Howse)**Date: June 2021**

PROPOSED ACTION SUPPORTED *(amend as appropriate)*

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MAYOR *	PF HOLDER	LEADER / LABOUR Group	LEADER / LDR CONSERVATIVE Group	CHAIR O&S Committee
Date:	Date:	Date:	Date:	Date:

Notes:

* In addition to the Executive decision above regarding the matter under consideration, the Mayor is signing to agree both that the Executive decision proposed is reasonable in all the circumstances and to it being treated as a matter of urgency. This is to ensure that the call-in procedures as set out in Part 8 of the Constitution shall not apply where an Executive decision being taken is urgent.