

**REDDITCH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN UNDER URGENCY PROCEDURES**

**SUBJECT: Licensing Delegations - 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 and 09/2020, subsequently extended at a meeting of the Annual Council held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2020 and a Council meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021 to ensure that efficient Council business can continue during the current road map out of lockdown.

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 1<sup>st</sup> July 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 at the end of June 2021.

**DECISION APPROVED BY:**

*(Deputy)* **CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FINANCE & RESOURCES**

*(if financial implications)*

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**(Signature) (Sue Hanley / Kevin Dicks - (D)CX)**

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**(Signature) (James Howse)**

**Date: May 2021**

**PROPOSED ACTION SUPPORTED** *(amend as appropriate)*

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<b>MAYOR *</b>	<b>PF HOLDER</b>	<b>LEADER / LABOUR Group</b>	<b>LEADER / LDR CONSERVATIVE Group</b>	<b>CHAIR O&amp;S Committee</b>
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.