

Licensing and Planning Policy Committee

22 November 2023

URGENT DECISIONS

Head of Service:	Victoria Potts, Interim Director of Environment, Housing and Regeneration
Wards affected:	(All Wards);
Urgent Decision?(yes/no)	No
If yes, reason urgent decision required:	
Appendices (attached):	N/A

Summary

To report to this committee the decisions taken by the Chief Executive and Directors on the grounds of urgency, in compliance with Appendix 2 to the Constitution – The Scheme of Delegation paragraph 3.1.

Recommendation (s)

The Committee is asked to:

- (1) To note the urgent decisions taken and the reasons for those decisions.**

1 Reason for Recommendation

- 1.1 To report to this committee the decisions taken by the Chief Executive and Directors on the grounds of urgency, in compliance with Appendix 2 to the Constitution – The Scheme of Delegation paragraph 3.1.

2 Background

- 2.1 Appendix 2 to the Constitution – The scheme of delegation sets out at Paragraph 3.1 that the Chief Executive and Directors are authorised to take decisions on grounds of urgency regarding matters which would otherwise be reserved for determination by a Committee or Council. A matter can be deemed urgent if, in the reasonable opinion of the officer concerned, a delay would seriously prejudice the interest of the Council or of the public and it is not practicable to convene a quorate meeting of the relevant decision-making body in sufficient time to take the decision.

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- 2.2 Since the meeting of the Licensing and Planning Policy Committee held on 15 June 2023, 42 urgent decisions have been taken by the Interim Director of Environment, Housing and Regeneration in consultation with the Chair of the Committee, Cllr Steven McCormick and published in MemberNews in line with the Council's Constitution, Appendix 2, Paragraph 3.1. iii.. These all relate to the issuing of private hire vehicle or driver licences to ensure the drivers can continue to operate without disruption.
- 2.3 Due to GDPR no personal or vehicular details can be provided.

3 Risk Assessment

Legal or other duties

- 3.1 Equality Impact Assessment
- 3.1.1 None arising from this report.
- 3.2 Crime & Disorder
- 3.2.1 None arising from this report.
- 3.3 Safeguarding
- 3.3.1 None arising from this report.
- 3.4 Dependencies
- 3.4.1 None arising from this report.
- 3.5 Other
- 3.5.1 None arising from this report.

4 Financial Implications

- 4.1 Financial implications are included within each decision form.
- 4.2 **Section 151 Officer's comments:** None for the purposes of this report.

5 Legal Implications

- 5.1 Legal implications are included within each decision form.
- 5.2 **Legal Officer's comments:** None for the purposes of this report.

6 Policies, Plans & Partnerships

- 6.1 **Council's Key Priorities:** The following Key Priorities are engaged:
- To strengthen the Council's financial independence.

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- To encourage and support business creation and growth.

6.2 **Service Plans:** The matter is included within the current Service Delivery Plan.

6.3 **Climate & Environmental Impact of recommendations:** None arising from this report.

6.4 **Sustainability Policy & Community Safety Implications:** None arising from this report.

6.5 **Partnerships:** Not applicable to this report.

7 Background papers

7.1 The Urgent decisions have already been published on Members News.