

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000

**REGISTER OF URGENT
DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE
CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**NORTH DEVON COUNCIL CONSTITUTION
– Part 3 Annex 2: Officer Delegations –
Chief Executive**



Reference No: L/05

1) SUBJECT:

Badges and Plates for Licensed Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles.

2) REQUESTED DECISION:

Whilst at this present time a system is being maintained to issue plates and badges for licensed taxi and private hire vehicles, and their drivers, there is concern that with the impact of Covid-19 the Council may reach a position whereby it is not be possible to issue a plate or drivers badge due to staff absenteeism.

The Council's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy references the issue of plates and badges, and the requirements surrounding their display. If badge and plate make up is compromised, it is suggested that the Council issue a temporary licence by way of email, and a letter to the driver or proprietor concerned that they can present this to clients using their vehicles.

3) STATEMENT OF THE REASONS FOR THE REQUEST AND WHY IT IS URGENT:

Covid-19 is impacting the UK at an unprecedented rate, and the usual systems available to implement policy changes via Licensing and Community Safety Committee, Strategy and Resources Committee and Full Council are not expedient. Given the circumstances many of these meetings are compromised due to social distancing precautions being now in place.

4) FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: (NOTE: Please state if there are any financial implications. If so, state whether there are sufficient funds within the agreed budget. If there are insufficient funds please state how the decision will be financed).

5) ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED:

None.

6) A RECORD OF ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARED:

None.

7) A NOTE OF ANY DISPENSATION IF GRANTED:

Not applicable.

8) LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS (but not including published works or those which disclose exempt or confidential information (as defined in paragraph 10.4 and 10.5 of the Access to Information Procedural Rules Part 4 of the Constitution):

None.

10) CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:

The following have been consulted on this urgent decision:

Consultee	Consulted Yes/No	Date
Leader of Council (<i>or Deputy Leader</i>)	No	27.3.20
Chair of Committee (with the Authority to take the decision) (<i>or Vice-Chair</i>)	No	
Lead Member	No	
Ward Member(s)	No	
Head of Service (Jeremy Mann)	Yes	27.03.20
Finance	Yes	27.03.20
Legal	No	

11) OFFICER REQUESTING URGENT DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE:

Jeremy Mann via SMT.

12) APPROVED BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE: YES

13) DATE OF DECISION:

27.03.20

14) CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S COMMENTS:

The change is required in order to maintain the service under the current crisis

15) DATE TO BE PRESENTED TO STRATEGY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE:

To be confirmed.

GUIDANCE NOTES

NOTE:

PROCEDURE FOR URGENT DECISIONS:

1. Completed form to be passed to the Chief Executive following consultation with the interested parties.
2. If a decision is specific to a Ward, efforts should be made to ascertain the views of the local Councillor (s).
3. The Chief Executive will make his decision.

PROCEDURE FOR URGENT DECISION MAKING AS PER THE CONSTITUTION

Officer Delegations: the Chief Executive:

Urgent Decision Making

- 3.48 To take a decision on any matter falling within the remit of any Committee in cases of urgency where it is not reasonably practicable to obtain prior approval of a Committee SUBJECT TO:
 - 3.48.1 the prior consultation, where practicable, with the Leader or Deputy Leader and the Chair or Vice Chair of the relevant Committee, and
 - 3.48.2 the proviso that this power will not extend to the determination of any application submitted pursuant to the Planning Acts or under the Licensing Act 2003 or the Gambling Act 2005, and
 - 3.48.3 the decision being reported to the next meeting of the relevant Committee and the next meeting of Strategy and Resources Committee.