## OFFICER DELEGATED DECISIONS FORM

State the Delegated Authority that you are relying on in order to make this decision: e.g. specific (identified in constitution) or general

12/9/20 Mayor produced a report to Council. This report updated the scheme of delegation - part 11 states:

Decision Making by Chief Executive

The Chief Executive of the Council, or any officer nominated by the Chief Executive as his Deputy in this regard, will have delegated authority to make Executive decisions of a policy, financial and operational nature in response to the Covid-19 emergency"

**Subject of decision:** e.g. freehold disposal of land (16K-149K), contract extension, new policy

Small grant scheme to support Middlesbrough based small (micro) businesses/taxi drivers/self employed to continue to introduce relevant measures to provide services to the public that maintain infection control and ensure the business remains 'covid secure'.

**Text of decision**: e.g. can include monies received by the Council, list any terms agreed, brief summary of the policy – Do not include any confidential information.

The Mayor has outlined his intention to provide funding of circa £150k to support this scheme. Funds will be provided for from the Test and Trace funds to support the purchase of PPE/Covid Secure equipment as outlined in the business case and will extend to the following.

- Self Employed Taxis Drivers licensed within Middlesbrough
  - The funding is intended to cover the cost of the partitioning between the driver and the passengers for hackney carriages and private hire vehicles. The vehicles must be licensed with Middlesbrough Council.
  - In addition funding will also be provided for the purchasing of face masks for intended use by the licensed driver.

Both items being considered necessary to ensure the safety of both the driver and passengers.

Funding for the partitioning will be payable directly to the firm(s) undertaking the work.

In addition, funding will also be extended to small business such as sole traders, self-employed businesses etc:-

- Who have up to and including 9 employees
- Who do not have a head office.

Funds are intended for the purchasing of PPE/Covid Secure materials/items. Claimants will be reimbursed for up to a maximum spend of £100.00.

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Applications will be via an online claim form and will require the applicant to provide receipts to support the claim. Only one claim per business will be provided for.
Reason for decision: e.g. benefits, new legislation requires a policy, review of
opening hours, non- key decision, outside of agreed budget framework
The action will enable businesses to continue to introduce and maintain measures
to stay 'covid secure' therefore reducing the risk of a local lockdown, minimising
spread of infection and allowing business/economic continuity
Other options considered (if any)
NA
Has an Impact Assessment been completed Yes/No – if yes please attach to
the decision.
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### Date of decision

17.9.2020

### Service area

Revenues and Benefits on behalf of the Chief Executive Office.

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**Name of Delegated Officer making decision** - i.e. Officer who is designated the power in the Constitution

Mr Tony Parkinson, Chief Executive Officer

Name of the Officer making the decision – if power has been sub-delegated to another Officer.

NA.

List of background papers (do not list if contain exempt/confidential information)

Signed:

Mr T Parkinson

Dated: 17.9.2020