

DECISIONS MADE AT THE GOLD COMMAND MEETING DURING THE PANDEMIC TO SUPPORT OPERATIONAL AND STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT – 1 JANUARY
2021 – 31 DECEMBER 2021

Date of Meeting	Summary of decision recorded	Responsible Officers
07/01/21	Decision taken to suspend all Recovery sub-group meetings, to be reviewed post-Lockdown.	C Benjamin
14/01/21	Approval for Pallister Park car park to be utilised as a walk-in Lateral Flow Testing site.	M Adams
21/01/21	Paper brought to Gold for discussion on supplier relief; specifically ITU school transport and the taxi drivers taking children to school, proposing that 75% of contract payments shall be paid until 31/03/2021, with a maximum total cost of 35k to be incurred, charged to COVID and requiring Delegated Officer Decision to vary supplier contract for a limited period.	G Field
28/01/21	Approval for PPE hub to be relocated from TAMP to Peacocks retail unit in Captain Cook Square	I Wright
04/02/21	Approval for taxi driver support using the Additional Restrictions Grant.	I Wright
11/02/21	Approval of the local approach to enhanced Tier 3 contact tracing, costed at £440k.	E Mireku
11/02/21	Approval of financial support for care leavers, at a maximum of £520 per care leaver, assessed on an individual needs basis.	S Butcher
25/02/21	Decisions in relation to employees classified as CEV wishing to return to work, to be agreed via appropriate Director and HR, with decision back via Gold for information purposes	C Benjamin
04/03/21	Proposal shared to provide re-utilise £230k uncommitted discretionary COVID funds for PPE / self-isolation to support discretionary housing payment fund, provision of food packages and priority council tax accounts that meet CT obligations.	I Wright
04/03/21	Agreed to end payments to casual staff by 30/06/21, in line with Lockdown end.	C Benjamin
04/03/21	Approval for staff requests to purchase additional leave for 2021/22.	C Benjamin
11/03/21	Further Additional Restrictions Grant funding to be allocated by 31/03/21, providing single payments of £500 to taxi drivers to cover costs of COVID impact / licensing fees, to a total of £500k.	I Wright

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22/04/21	Approval of the continued operation of the PPE distribution hub in Peacocks retail unit at Captain Cooks Square until 31/03/22.	I Wright
29/04/21	Staff COVID testing approach agreed, recommending encouragement of voluntary testing across the whole workforce (particularly those that engage with communities), with home test kits, twice a week.	C Benjamin
06/05/21	ARG grant allocation awards of either £25k or £50k, to support those businesses that contribute towards Middlesbrough's regeneration and Recovery plans within the following priority key sectors for Middlesbrough of digital, culture, professional business services, engineering / advanced manufacturing, professional business services and leisure.	I Wright
13/05/21	Attendance at cremations (in largest chapel) to be extended to 60 people, maximum. Burials will see any cap on gatherings lifted, completely.	G Field
27/05/21	Ward walks with Councillors to be reinstated, adhering to all social distancing requirements and risk assessments.	G Field
15/07/21	Approach to communication of Step 4 Health and Safety arrangements and associated risk assessments agreed.	C Benjamin
15/07/21	Non-decision making committee meetings will continue to take place virtually. All decision-making meetings must continue face to face / in person unless legislation dictates otherwise.	C Benjamin
22/07/21	Approach to returning to work from self-isolation for critical workers agreed as requiring completion of standardised risk assessment as to whether individuals can return to the workplace, to be signed off by DPH with any decisions made in regards to allowing individuals not to self-isolate to protect services, to be signed off at Director level.	M Adams E Scollay
22/07/21	Upcoming MBC events were approved to take place, providing that opportunities to reinforce testing / vaccinations pre and post events, as well as encouraging safe practice (masks / social distancing) are maximised, alongside exploration into availability of vaccination bus on-site.	R Horniman M Adams
05/08/21	Decision taken for staff exemption from self-isolation (pending negative COVID tests) for the purposes of business continuity and child safeguarding, with all relevant risk assessments and protocol reviewed and amended, accordingly.	R Farnham
27/09/21	Service decision taken to reopen Bus Station express Lounge from 01/10/2021, retaining 10pm closure time.	G Field
07/10/21	Approach on proposed approach to social distancing and face coverings to minimise transmission of COVID-19 in the workplace approved for implementation in-line with reoccupation timescales and phasing.	C Benjamin

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