

## OFFICER DECISION – URGENT SCHEME OF DELEGATION

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| <b>Decision:</b> COVID 19 - Further mitigations for blue badge holders  |                          |                                |                          |
| <b>Date of Decision:</b> 15 July 2020   |                          |                                |                          |
| <b>Type of Decision:</b>  | Key                      |                                | Non-Key                  |
| x   |                          |                                |                          |
| <b>Please tick one of the following:</b>  |                          |                                |                          |
| Reason for this being a Key Decision: <input type="checkbox"/>  |                          |                                |                          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Involves significant expenditure or saving;</li> <li>Is significant in terms of its effects on communities (eg will effect one or more Wards);</li> <li>Decision Maker is acting under emergency powers;</li> <li>Decision maker is entitled to make a Key Decision as part of delivery of non-contentious operational business</li> </ul> |                          |                                |                          |
| Reason for this not being a Key Decision: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>   |                          |                                |                          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acting under the Officer Scheme of Delegation in accordance with the Constitution</li> </ul>   |                          |                                |                          |
| <b>Portfolio Area that decision relates to:</b>   |                          |                                |                          |
| <i>It is assumed that all portfolio areas are affected unless stated otherwise.</i>   |                          |                                |                          |
| Leader (inc Policy, Strategy and Partnerships)  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Health and Adult Social Care   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Transport   | x                        | Culture, Leisure & Communities | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Finance and Performance   | <input type="checkbox"/> | Economy and Strategic Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Housing and Safer Neighbourhoods  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Environment and Climate Change | x                        |
| Children, Young People and Education  | <input type="checkbox"/> |                                | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Implications:</b> Crime & Disorder   | <input type="checkbox"/> | Equalities                     | x                        |
| Human Resources   | <input type="checkbox"/> | Legal                          | x                        |
| Financial   | x                        | ICT                            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|   |                          | Other:                         |                          |
|   |                          | Highways                       | x                        |
|   |                          | Property                       | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Wards Affected:</b>  |                          |                                |                          |
| <i>[it is assumed that all wards are affected unless stated otherwise below]</i>  |                          |                                |                          |

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| All Wards                | X | Fishergate           |  | Holgate                   |  | Rural West York |  |
| Acomb                    |   | Fulford & Heslington |  | Hull Road                 |  | Strensall       |  |
| Bishopthorpe             |   | Guildhall            |  | Huntington & New Earswick |  | Westfield       |  |
| Clifton                  |   | Haxby & Wigginton    |  | Micklegate                |  | Wheldrake       |  |
| Copmanthorpe             |   | Heworth              |  | Osbalwick & Derwent       |  |                 |  |
| Dringhouses & Woodthorpe |   | Heworth Without      |  | Rawcliffe & Clifton       |  |                 |  |

**Comments/Observations:**

Consultation:

Prior to making the decision the Deputy Chief Executive will proactively consult with the following:

- Leader of the Council (and in his absence the Deputy Leader of the Council)
- Chief Finance Officer (s151 Officer)
- Chief Legal Officer (Monitoring Officer)
- Head of HR & OD (where relevant and appropriate)
- Director of Public Health (where relevant and appropriate)

**Comments received:**

*[please note those received from officers may be included within the report]*

Leader of the Council (and in his absence the Deputy Leader of the Council):  
Need to keep under review the usage of what is provided to assess impact and engage with the affected community going forward.

Chief Finance Officer (s151 Officer):

The cost of the introduction of additional disabled bays is likely to cost c£200 per bay. This cost as well as the cost of the extension of the Monk Bar Taxi provision will be funded from the £530k budget set aside for Economy recovery at the June Executive. Should this service continue beyond that date, further discussion on the financial implications will be required.

Chief Legal Officer (Monitoring Officer):

*[insert comments received here]*

Head of HR & OD (where relevant and appropriate):

*[insert comments received here]*

Director of Public Health (where relevant and appropriate):

*[insert comments received here]*

**Decision:**

1. To approve the creation of a parking bay on Duncombe Place (at the north west end of the street) allowing parking for Blue Badge holders for up to 3 hours and loading for up to 30mins seven days/week. To provide additional dedicated capacity for blue badge holders near the footstreets.
2. To approve the investigation and implementation of additional disabled bays in other on-street areas where feasible.
3. To approve an extension to the operating hours of the temporary blue badge taxi service based in Monk Bar car park. The extension of the footstreets hours to 8pm means that the taxi service, originally agreed to run until 5pm, is out of alignment. The cost of this is now £358 per day (an uplift of £120 per day). The service will run until the end of July, but is under constant review in terms of extending beyond that date based on usage.
4. To start an engagement process to take an holistic review of disabled access and blue badge provision across the whole city, in the context of COVID related measures, and develop a series of options to respond to feedback given.

This will be reviewed in line with changes to COVID Alert levels

**Reason for the Decision:**

To maintain social distancing whilst implementing the council's Covid Recovery plan. This action supports the councils Covid Economic Recovery Transport and Place Strategy to reopen the city centre, including the hospitality sector, whilst enabling social distancing.

**Decision Made by:** Ian Floyd, Deputy Chief Executive

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**To be implemented by:** Tony Clarke / Dave Atkinson

**On Completion:**

**Date:** 15 July 2020

*Completed decision noted by Monitoring Officer*

PLEASE NOTE: This decision will be reported retrospectively to the relevant committee as and when it is appropriate to do so.

In the meantime, this decision will be reported as a Leader or Officer Decision on the Council's website.