



EXERCISE OF URGENT POWERS PROTOCOL

The following decision is urgent and cannot await a meeting whilst the Covid-19 pandemic continues. The reason for this is due to the recently declared Covid-19 pandemic and the resulting fast changing national situation, robust contingency plans need to be in place to ensure that decisions can be made quickly to ensure that the Council complies with its legal duties and continues to provide its services.

Under the Council's Protocol for the Exercise of Urgent Powers the following decision has been made by the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader and Group Leaders:

Additional Restrictions Policy

There is an opportunity to provide financial support to Private Hire Drivers who have been impacted by Covid-19. An amendment to the Council's Additional Restrictions Policy had been made to allow them to apply for a grant. The change to the Policy was:

"As part of its Covid19 discretionary business grant programme, the Council will award a one-off grant payment of £750 to private hire drivers who have continued to operate but are affected by the current restrictions.

To be eligible, a driver must be:

- self-employed (a copy of your most recently completed self-assessment tax return is required)
- a resident of Pendle
- hold an existing private hire taxi license issued by Pendle Borough Council
- not be a hackney carriage license holder"

AGREED

That the amendments to the Policy be approved.

Dean Langton,
Chief Executive

Dated: 10th March, 2021