



HARTLEPOOL BOROUGH COUNCIL

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S DECISION RECORD

Form 2 - Request for spending approval (including decisions which will reduce income) GREATER THAN £10,000 or greater than £30,000 over three months
(For approval below the above amounts use Form 1)

Date of Decision: 28th March 2020

Officer Making Decision: Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, Chair of the relevant Committee and Chief Solicitor and Monitoring Officer.

Subject / Description & Reason for Decision: This decision was taken due to the cancellation/ postponement of meetings and in accordance with the National guidance/legislation in relation to Covid 19.

Type of Decision: The decision is essential to the Authority's response to the Covid 19 pandemic.

Nature of Delegation Being Exercised: Constitution Reference – CE15 – urgent decisions normally reserved to a Committee.

Any Declared Register of Interest No

<p>Description of funding request/reduction in Income request</p>	<p>The responsibility for provision of mortuaries rests with local authorities pursuant to section 198 Public Health Act 1936. Where additional mortuary space is required to respond to a public health crisis such as the current Covid-19 emergency, and Cleveland Local Resilience Forum is coordinating the management of the emergency response under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004.</p>
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	<p>The Coronavirus Act 2020 (s.58 and Schedule 28) makes provision in relation to the transportation, storage and disposal of dead bodies. Schedule 28 para 5.(3) provides that being designated enables the local authority to make directions.</p> <p>Schedule 28 paragraph 8 refers to a compensation scheme to be made available by the government when a local authority is designated to enable those to whom directions are given to be appropriately compensated. This scheme does not yet appear to have been published.</p> <p><u>Planning Assumptions</u> Excess Death scenario based on PHE data worst week/worst winter with 15% contingency. See paper attached.</p> <p><u>Contingency Storage</u> The planned additional storage will double current capacity that would provide a further 53 storage in excess of double capacity plus 15% contingency. If the current planned MHCLG storage is not forthcoming as a matter of urgency there is a requirement to identify 177 additional refrigerated storage that will enable double current capacity inclusive of 15%. Further consideration is required with respect to location, refrigeration, appropriate racking and providers and mortuary management.</p> <p>The cost to provide the 16 refrigerated vehicles stored in a warehouse at TAMP, Middlesbrough providing 168 (14 x 12 @ TAMP, 2 x 10 @ James Cook) additional capacity is estimated to be circa £260K providing 188 units of body storage in total. In addition Funeral Directors have asked for an additional £35 per body movement to cope with the numbers, Also we have agreed to contribute towards mortuary management, estimated costs are in the region are to be determined.</p>
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Value (this should be total cost)	Across the Cleveland authorities costs are £260k, plus mortuary management and funeral directors costs. Hartlepool's split is based on population, circa £50k.
Period Covered	One off request and will compensated as specified in the coronavirus act, schedule 28, paragraph 8.
Approach adopted by other Tees Valley Council	The four Local Authorities have agreed to this decision and are prepared to share costs notwithstanding arrangements set out below with Government intervention <u>based on population.</u>


Signatures for retained copy only

Chief Executive - Gill Alexander



Decision made in consultation with:

Leader of the Council - Cllr Shane Moore



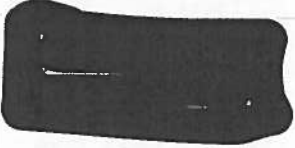
Chair of [Policy Committee] –



Chief Solicitor and Monitoring Officer – Hayley Martin



Director of Finance and Policy – Chris Little



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