



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:

22 - 04 - 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

Description of funding request/reduction
in income request

The business at the HEC will not benefit from the governments business support grant of £10k as they pay a monthly rent that includes utility costs, security, cleaning, shared communal facilities etc.

It is therefore proposed to give these businesses 3 months free rent period to enable them to keep trading through this crisis.

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Value (this should be total cost)	£39,900 (£13,300 pm)
Period Covered	March to May 2020
Approach adopted by other Tees Valley Council	<p>Most private landlords are not offering anything as most of their tenants are able to access the £10K support. Some are offering deferment of rent but no rent free periods.</p> <p>Redcar – Their business centre units are individually assessed so are able to access £10K grants. Wider they are offering other Council tenants a 3 month deferral period. Also looking at a possible hardship fund to assist those businesses that fall through the net.</p> <p>Middlesbrough – are looking at some kind of relief for their business centres. Also considering those that are not able to access government funds.</p> <p>Darlington – are looking at deferment for up to 3 months. No plans as yet to offer anything on top of that</p> <p>Stockton - The units in the business centres are individually assessed for business rates so the tenants will be eligible for the grant. They have not offered anything over and above that.</p> <p>They have also put a hold on rents for businesses in their retail. They are considering whether to offer some support to those businesses that don't meet the eligibility criteria for the Government support packages but no decision on that yet.</p>

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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 & POLICY

