



HARTLEPOOL BOROUGH COUNCIL

OFFICER DECISION RECORD

Department: Resources, Development and Legal

Division: Resources and Development (Development and Growth)
Estates and Asset Management section

Date of Decision /
Issue of Licence: 18th March 2021

Officer Making
Decision: Denise McGuckin (Managing Director)
Hartlepool United Football Club

Subject / Description
and Reason for
Decision: The Council leases the Victoria Football Club at Clarence
Road to Hartlepool United Football Club Limited on a 70
year lease from June 1997.

The Club has had to deal with a number of challenging
financial pressures over the years, including, having to deal
with a reduction in revenue from their relegation from the
Football League in 2017.

At the end of the 2017/18 season the club was taken over by
new management and whilst the new administration has
made steady progress to reduce losses, it is now in an
unprecedented position of having to continue to operate
behind closed doors without spectators and the majority of
its commercial income.

Whilst there has been some assistance through the league
governance, it is nowhere near that required and the Club
has approached the Council with a request to provide them
with support with their rental payments.

Officers have considered the request and in these

exceptional circumstances it is recommended that approval is given to agree to the request.

Type of Decision: Non Key

Nature of Delegation Being Exercised: Committee Delegated Authority

In accordance with paragraph 4.2 of the Delegation Scheme set out at Part 3 of the Constitution the Managing Director is authorised to exercise any of those functions delegated to the Directors and hereby exercises the delegation as set out below:

DRN7	Power to approve land and property disposals, leases, lettings, licences, wayleases, easements, undertaking and concluding rent reviews, lease renewals and the release and amendments of restrictions, covenants and other land and property matters within prescribed thresholds as set out in the Finance and Policy committee arrangements.
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Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: The Council could have refused the request but that would have added to the Clubs financial predicament and threaten their survival.

Any Declared Register of Interest: No

OFFICER WITH THE DELEGATION

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Denise Mc Guckin

POSITION: Managing Director

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