



# RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS OUTLINED IN THE CONSTITUTION – Part 3 Section 16

DELEGATED OFFICER DECISION Chief Executive  
TAKEN BY:  
PORTFOLIO  
AREA: ALL

**SUBJECT: Coronavirus Emergency – Strategic Food Supplies for Lancashire (LRF) Local Resilience Forum**

## 1. DECISION

The Chief Executive in accordance with the Blackburn with Darwen Constitution Section 16, under powers delegated to her, to take any action , including incurring expenditure, in connection with an emergency or disaster to the district agrees:

- the purchase of food for food packages for future distribution to vulnerable persons across Lancashire in accordance with arrangements as agreed by the Lancashire Resilience Forum to respond to the current national coronavirus pandemic as set out in this report, and including the option for delivery to local areas.

## 2. REASON FOR DECISION

The Coronavirus pandemic has resulted in the implementation of the Lancashire Resilience Forum (LRF) Gold Command and report through to Central Government. As part of the urgent action required to plan for the continuation of essential social care and other support to the most vulnerable across Lancashire communities it has been agreed that the three Upper tier Councils with social care responsibilities urgently access and store food for food parcels; these being Lancashire County Council, Blackpool Council and Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council on behalf of the LRF.

## 3. BACKGROUND

As part of the plan to provide emergency food to vulnerable people across Lancashire a supplier has been identified who can provide food for packages which will be warehoused pending distribution, to those in need in the coming weeks.

The food will be warehoused for collection and there is an option for delivery costs to agreed points across Lancashire.

### **Monitoring Officer & Legal Implications and Comments**

The Chief Executive (who also undertakes the statutory Head of Paid Service role) has delegated powers under the Officer Scheme of Delegation “To take any action, including incurring expenditure, in connection with an emergency or disaster in a district”. In addition, all local authority chief executive officers are responsible for ensuring their local authority complies with the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 and that the local authority continues to perform its functions. In relation to the current situation,

the Council must also have regard to Article 2 of the ECHR, as the ultimate aim of expenditure is to protect individual's right to life.

The contract has been awarded pursuant to a negotiated procedure without prior publication, as permitted by Regulation 32 (2c) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

#### **Section 151 Officer & Finance Implications and Comments**

The cost has been negotiated by the LRF with the identified supplier and payment arrangements agreed to secure the order urgently. Should delivery be required this will be subject of additional costs to be agreed.

#### **4. OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

In the current climate the LRF have considered all options to secure food parcels and this option is the only one currently considered viable to be delivered in the extreme circumstances and shortage of time to secure the number of food parcels required across Lancashire to avoid severe potential hardship and adverse health implications to Lancashire residents.

Further information is available via the Lancashire LRF

#### **5. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

All Declarations of Interest of the officer with delegation and that of any Member who has been consulted, and note of any dispensation granted should be recorded below.

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<b>CONTACT OFFICER:</b>	<b>Denise Park, Chief Executive</b>
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<b>DATE:</b>	27 March 2020
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<b>BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:</b>	LRF – Request for Urgent and Immediate Action dated 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2020
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Signed:




<b>Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council Monitoring Officer to confirm decision in accordance with Council Constitution Delegated Powers</b>	<b>Date: 27.03.2020</b>
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Signed:



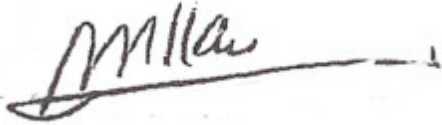
<b>Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council Section 151 Officer to confirm decision in accordance with Council Financial Regulations</b>	<b>Date: 27.03.2020</b>
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I am making the decision as set out above in this report:

Signed: 

<b>Chief Executive, Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council</b>	<b>Date: 27.03.2020</b>
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I have noted the decision as set out above in this report. I acknowledge and support the decision made in these extreme circumstances.

Signed: 

<b>Leader, Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council</b>	<b>Date: 27.03.2020</b>
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