

## Record of Officer Decision

This form is the written record of a key or significant operational decision taken by an officer.

<b>Decision type</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Key Decision	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Significant Operational Decision
<b>Director<sup>1</sup></b>	The Director of Public Health	
<b>Contact person:</b>	Lynne Hellewell Public Health Manager	Telephone number: 0113 37 86042
<b>Subject<sup>2</sup>:</b>	<b>Directions notification to restrict specified activities at the premises of La La's Restaurant and Mumtaz Restaurant for a period ending on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020 due to the risk to the public's health of COVID-19</b>	
	<p>What decision has been taken?<sup>3</sup></p> <p>The Director of Public Health has given –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Leeds City Council (“the Authority”), in exercise of the powers conferred by regulation 4(1) of the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) (No. 3) Regulations 2020<sup>4</sup> (“the No. 3 Regulations”), gives the following direction.</li> <li>2. The Authority considers that the following conditions are met—             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. this direction responds to a serious and imminent threat to public health;</li> <li>b. this direction is necessary for the purpose of preventing, protecting against, controlling or providing a public health response to the incidence or spread of infection by coronavirus in the Authority's area; and</li> <li>c. the prohibitions, requirements or restrictions imposed by this direction are a proportionate means of achieving that purpose.<sup>5</sup></li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Before giving this Direction, the Authority has had regard to—             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. any advice given to it by its Acting Director of Public Health; and</li> <li>b. the need to ensure that members of the public have access to essential public services and goods (including whether the individual premises forms part of essential infrastructure).</li> <li>c. The Authority's Public Sector Equality Duty under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	

<sup>1</sup> With delegated authority set out in Constitution

<sup>2</sup> If the decision is key and has appeared on the list of forthcoming key decisions, the title of the decision should be the same as that used in the list

<sup>3</sup> Set out all necessary decisions to be taken by the decision taker including decisions in relation to exempt information, exemption from call in etc.

<sup>4</sup> In this Direction, any reference to a regulation is a reference to a regulation of the Health Protection (Coronavirus Restriction) (No. 3) (England) 2020 (S.I. 2020/750).

<sup>5</sup> See regulation 2(1).

	<p>4. The Authority has taken reasonable steps to give advance notice of this direction to the owner or any occupier of the premises or a person carrying on/managing a business from the premises to which the direction relates.</p> <p>Authorisation is given to issue a direction to prohibit both venues hosting wedding ceremonies/receptions or other celebratory gatherings, meaning that the restaurants would only be able to take bookings and accept parties of up to 6 persons or single household groups.</p> <p>A brief statement of the reasons for the decision<sup>6</sup></p> <p>Legal -</p> <p><b>The Regulations give the power to the local authority to issue a Direction if the authority considers that the following conditions are met -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) that giving such a direction responds to a serious and imminent threat to public health,</li> <li>b) that the direction is necessary for the purpose of preventing, protecting against, controlling or providing a public health response to the incidence or spread of infection by coronavirus in the local authority's area, and</li> <li>c) that the prohibitions, requirements or restrictions imposed by the direction are a proportionate means of achieving that purpose.</li> </ul> <p>Authorisation is given to issue a direction to prohibit both venues hosting wedding ceremonies/receptions or other celebratory gatherings, meaning that the restaurants would only be able to take bookings and accept parties of up to 6 persons or single household groups.</p> <p>La La's restaurant, 501 Leeds and Bradford Road, Pudsey, Leeds LS28 8EE and Mumtaz restaurant, 1 &amp; 2 Mackenzie House, Chadwick Street, Leeds, LS10 1PJ must implement restricted entry to the Premises of any persons who enter for the purpose of a wedding ceremony/reception or celebratory gathering in order to protect the Leeds population and populations of surrounding Local Authorities from the significant Public Health risk of COVID-19 and the spread of this highly infectious disease</p> <p><b>The Authority considers that the following conditions required under the Regulations are met—</b></p> <p><b>1: This direction responds to a serious and imminent threat to public</b></p>
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<sup>6</sup> Include any significant financial, procurement, legal or equalities implications, having consulted with Finance, PACS, Legal or Equality colleagues as appropriate.

**health;**

The infection rate of COVID-19 across Leeds has continued to rise over the last few weeks, our 7 day infection rate is now 367.6 per 100,000 (period 24th to 30th September), therefore it is essential ensure all measures are in place to protect the public's health.

Furthermore there continues to be an upward trend across Leeds and the whole of Yorkshire and Humber. We continue to see widespread community transmission across Leeds.

Events of this nature are likely to lead to more people congregating within a specific area. This will increase the likelihood of people from different households coming into closer proximity with each other, increasing the risk of transmission of COVID-19 and worsening the local situation.

**2: This direction is necessary for the purpose of preventing, protecting against controlling or providing a public health response to the incidence or spread of infection by coronavirus in the Authority's area;**

The data demonstrates clear evidence of ongoing and heightened transmission of COVID-19 across Leeds. Allowing premises to host wedding ceremonies/receptions or any other celebratory events with parties above 6 or from a single household to take place that would lead to large numbers of people congregating together and represents a threat to ongoing measures to contain the virus and limit its transmission. Such a threat is mitigated by the premises adhering strictly to the restrictions set out in Regulations and Guidance. Information received from West Yorkshire Police and Leeds City Council enforcement officers indicate these premises are not adhering strictly enough to the restrictions and so not mitigating the threat.


There are a high number of situations across different settings affecting schools, workplaces and care homes. All wards now have a rate of over a 100 per 100 000 and 26 wards have shown significant increase in rates over the last 2 weeks. Leeds is currently in enhanced restrictions to minimise spread and harm.

**3: The prohibitions, requirements or restrictions imposed by this direction are a proportionate means of achieving that purpose;**

	<p>Holding the weddings or similar events poses an additional, unnecessary risk to the local spread of infection in a context of rising infection rates across Leeds and the prevention of the event is the only and proportionate response to the current situation. The restrictions on these two premises may have a disproportionate affect on the Asian community but this has been mitigated by the availability of other premises who are not restricted in this way and that these two premises can still operate in a limited way.</p> <p>The Public Sector Equality duty means we have to consider how decisions affect people who are protected under the Equality Act. Decisions can be made that may be seen as having a negative impact as long as mitigation has been considered. In this case the mitigation is that the Health Protection Regulations have been put in place to protect lives. If this decision was challenged the mitigation in this case is that the protection of lives would be seen as a priority over any potential challenges of discrimination or disadvantage.</p>
<b>Affected wards:</b>	

<b>Details of consultation undertaken<sup>7</sup>:</b>	<p>Executive Member –. Adults and Health - Cllr Charlwood – 09-10-2020</p> <p>Executive Member – Environmental Health – Cllr Rafique – 09-10-2020</p> <p>Executive Member – Communities – Cllr Debra Coupar – 09-10-2020</p> <p>Executive member – Resources – Cllr Lewis – 09-10-2020</p> <p>Chair of Licencing Committee – Cllr Garner – 09-10-2020</p> <p>Ward Cllrs Calverley and Farsley – Cllr Carlill, Cllr Andrew Carter, Cllr Amanda Carter – 09-10-2020</p> <p>Ward Cllrs Hunslet &amp; Riverside – Cllr Harrison, Cllr Seary, Cllr Smith – 09-10-2020</p> <p>Council Leader – Cllr Blake – 09-10-2020</p> <p>Scrutiny Chairs – Cllr Hayden, Cllr Anderson – 09-10-2020</p> <p>West Yorkshire Police – Damien Millar – 09-10-2020</p> <p>Chief Executive Officer – Tom Riordan – 09-10-2020</p>
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<sup>7</sup> Include details of any interest disclosed by an elected Member on consultation and the date of any relevant dispensation given.

<b>Implementation</b>	<p>Officer accountable, and proposed timescales for implementation</p> <p><b>Director of Public Health</b> Officer accountable for Direction Notification issuing before 12.01am on the 10th October 2020</p> <p><b>Enforcement falls to James Rogers, Director of Communities and Environment</b>, Leeds City Council and officers under his sub-delegation scheme.</p>		
<b>List of Forthcoming Key Decisions<sup>8</sup></b>	Date Added to List:-		
	N/A		
	<p><b>If Special Urgency or General Exception</b> a brief statement of the reason why it is impracticable to delay the decision</p> <p>-</p>		
	<p><b>If Special Urgency</b> Relevant Scrutiny Chair(s)</p>		
	Signature	Date	
<b>Call In</b>	Is the decision available <sup>9</sup> for call-in?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	<p><b>If exempt from call-in</b>, the reason why call-in would prejudice the interests of the council or the public:</p> <p>-</p>		
<b>Approval of Decision</b>	<p>Authorised decision maker<sup>10</sup></p> <p>The Director of Public Health</p> <p>Victoria Eaton</p>		
	Signature 	Date 09-10-2020	

<sup>8</sup> Complete this section for key decisions only

<sup>9</sup> Significant operational decisions are never available for call in. Key decisions are always available for call in unless they have been exempted from call in.

<sup>10</sup> Give the post title and name of the officer with appropriate delegated authority to take the decision.