

Committee(s) Planning and Transportation Committee	Date(s): 8 September 2020
Subject: Report of Action Taken	Public
Report of: Town Clerk	For Information
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Summary

This report advises Members of action taken by the Town Clerk since the last formal meeting of the Planning and Transportation Committee, in consultation with the Chair and Deputy Chairman, in accordance with Standing Order Nos. 41(a) and (b).

Recommendation:

- That Members note the report.

Main Report

1. Since the last formal meeting of the Committee, approval was given by the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chair and Deputy Chairman, for the following decisions to be made under Standing Order Nos 41(a) and (b).:

Delegated Authority – Extension of Parking Concessions for Key Workers [22 July 2020]

2. The Town Clerk approved the extension of parking concessions for key workers until 31 August 2020, noting the financial impact of this proposal. Gold group were consulted on and approved the recommended way forward which is in line with Government and London Councils guidance. The Planning and Transportation Committee were briefed on these proposals at their meeting on 14 July 2020 and agreed to delegate authority for the approval of this matter to the Town Clerk in consultation with their Chair and Deputy Chairman.

Urgency Authority – Business and Planning Act 2020 – Pavement Licences [30 July 2020]

3. The Town Clerk approved that the 3-month length of licences and current fee structure be reviewed and amended as per the negotiations between the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of Licencing and the Chair and Deputy Chairman of Planning & Transportation and that there be no fee for either initial applications for or renewal of pavement licences in an effort to support local businesses in their recovery and return to trading.
4. The Planning and Transportation Committee, as the Committee responsible for the City's highway functions, considered a report on the new Bill outlining a new 'Al Fresco' Policy aimed at facilitating the introduction of these changes at their

meeting on 14 July and agreed, amongst other things, the 3-month Pavement Licence period as outlined in paragraphs 15 and 16 of the report and a fee of £100 for a Pavement Licence application as outlined in paragraphs 17 to 18. The Licensing Committee subsequently received this same report at their meeting on 15 July 2020 for information only but expressed concerns at the decision to set the new Pavement Licence fee at £100 and for a duration of just 3 months at a time. They therefore requested that this be urgently revisited. Subsequent discussions between the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of Licensing Committee and the Chair and Deputy Chairman of Planning and Transportation Committee concluded with the suggestion that there should be no charge for either the application or renewal of any pavement licences for the financial year 2020/21, but that this should be reviewed for 2021/22.

Urgency Authority – Business and Planning Act 2020 – Delegation of Powers to the Director of Markets and Consumer Protection [30 July 2020]

5. The Town Clerk approved that power to act be delegated to the Director of Markets and Consumer Protection, and in his absence the Port Health and Public Protection Director, in respect of the Business and Planning Act 2020, insofar as it relates to pavement licences within the City of London Corporation's areas of jurisdiction, and to authorise officers of the Department of Markets & Consumer Protection to act under the aforementioned provisions.
6. The Planning and Transportation Committee considered a report of the Director of Markets and Consumer Protection on the Business and Planning Bill 2020 at their most recent meeting on 14 July 2020 and one of the four, approved, recommendations of this report set out the need for this decision under urgency once the Bill had received Royal Assent.

Delegated Authority – 80 Fenchurch Street, Highway Declaration [18 August 2020]

7. The Town Clerk approved the area to be declared surplus comprising 75m² (807 ft²) City Fund airspace and noted the 125 m² (1,347 ft²) City Estates airspace to be disposed of situated in Fenchurch Street and Carlisle Avenue, EC2 to enable the terms of its disposal to be approved by the Corporate Asset sub Committee.
8. At their most recent meeting, held virtually on 14 July 2020, the Planning and Transportation considered a report of the City Surveyor in respect of a delegated authority request to declare 80 Fenchurch Street EC2, including the relevant area in Carlisle Avenue, as surplus and agreed that authority be delegated to the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chair and Deputy Chairman of the Planning and Transportation Committee to declare surplus to highway requirements the City Fund airspace, required for the development at 80 Fenchurch Street and between datum levels determined by the City Surveyor, to enable its inclusion in the lease to be granted to Partners Group, upon terms to be approved by the Corporate Asset Sub Committee, and subject to the City Corporation retaining ownership of the highway and the continuing highway functions.

Conclusion

9. Background papers for Members on the matters listed above are available from Gemma Stokley on the email address provided below.

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