

<b>Committee(s)</b>	<b>Dated:</b>
Port Health and Environmental Services	<b>22 September 2020</b>
<b>Subject:</b> Report of Action Taken Between Meetings	<b>Public</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Town Clerk	<b>For Information</b>
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### **Summary**

This report advises Members of an urgent decision taken by the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman, since the last meeting of the Committee, in accordance with Standing Order No. 41(a)

### **Recommendation**

Members are asked to note the report.

**SUBJECT:** Proposal to Amended Middlesex Street Licence Fees 2020/21

### **BACKGROUND:**

The City of London Corporation may set annual fees for issuing a licence to those persons wishing to participate in Street Trading in Middlesex Street and for those persons wishing to apply for a temporary street trading licence.

This Committee set the fees for 2020/21 at its meeting on 21 July 2020. The fees for Middlesex Street traders were reduced by approximately 33% (4 months) to assist traders whilst they were unable to fully trade due to Government COVID-19 restrictions.

On 2 August 2020, a petition was received from those Middlesex Street traders asking if consideration would be given to further reducing the fees for 2020/21 as they are not yet fully trading due primarily to a lack of tourists.

It was felt that in order to assist market traders further the Corporation should reduce licence fees for 2020/21 by an additional 17% (2 months). This would mean that, in

practice, they would not be paying a fee for the six months between April 2020 to September 2020.

**REASON FOR URGENCY:**

With the next meeting of the Port Health and Environmental Services not until 22 September, approval was sought as matter of urgent to agree that the Middlesex Street Market Licence fees are further reduced for 2020/21 by approximately 17% to ensure provision is maintained as lockdown measures are eased.

**Recommendation:** The Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Port Health and Environmental Services, are asked to agree that the Middlesex Street Market Licence fees, are further reduced for 2020/21 by approximately 17%.

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