

Committee(s) Planning and Transportation Committee	Date(s): 17 November 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).:

Urgency Authority – Concessionary Parking for NHS & Frontline Key Workers (2nd Lockdown) [4 November 2020]

2. During the first national lockdown, on 23 March 2020, parking concessions for key workers were put in place in the City. The concessions were limited to those providing essential public front line services such as those working in the NHS and police.
3. A robust assessment process was put in place from the commencement of lockdown and concessions continued, with the approval of the Town Clerk and Members of the Planning and Transportation Committee, until 31 August 2020. The approach taken by the City was broadly in line with that adopted by other local authorities and took into account advice provided by Government and London Councils.
4. Requests for free parking in the car parks for the second national lockdown were received from Barts Hospital and Officers were of the view that it would be highly probable that more requests would be received from frontline workers thereafter.
5. The Town Clerk, in consultation with the Deputy Chairman of the Planning and Transportation Committee and the Deputy Chairman of the Streets and Walkways Sub-Committee, granted approval to agree that free parking is provided for NHS workers at Barts Hospital during the second national lockdown period until 2 December 2020. Should lockdown proceed beyond this point, further approvals will be sought. There is sufficient capacity within the car parks but because of the

possibility that parking space within Smithfield car park may be limited in the weeks leading up to Christmas, it is suggested that this concession extends to London Wall. The same concession can be offered to other front-line key workers (e.g. teachers) but these will need to be agreed on a case by case basis with Officers discretion.

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