

REPORT TO	ON
Licensing and Public Safety Committee	8 December 2020



TITLE	REPORT OF
Use of Standing Order 35 to allow Medical Certificates to be issued by General Practitioners other than the Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Drivers' own GP and the adoption of the Pavement Licensing Policy Business and Planning Act 2020	Shared Services Lead - Legal & Deputy Monitoring Officer

Is this report confidential?	No
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PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To provide an update on the recent use of two Standing Order 35s

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. To note the contents of the report and the action taken

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

3. The report relates to the following corporate priorities: (tick all those applicable):

An exemplary Council	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Thriving communities	<input type="checkbox"/>
A fair local economy that works for everyone	<input type="checkbox"/>
Good homes, green spaces, healthy places	<input type="checkbox"/>

BACKGROUND TO THE REPORT

4. Two changes were required with immediate action to react to the current Covid Pandemic.
 - (i) Our Taxi Licensing Policy required a temporary change to allow Hackney Carriage and Private Hire drivers to attend a medical examination with a General Practitioner (other than their own General Practitioner) for the purposes of issuing them with a Medical Certificate (provided the doctor in question is given access to their full medical history). This allows officers with delegated authority to continue with such a practice until GP's surgeries are open to allow for such medical examinations to take place – please see Background Document 1 for full details

- (ii) The adoption of Café type pavement licenses which were previously only administered and issued by the Highways Authority. These licences are designed to be for a temporary period and will cease to have effect after 30th September 2021, unless the Government seeks to extend the scheme beyond this date – see Background Document 2 for details of this report.

PROPOSALS (

- 5. An immediate decision was deemed necessary for both changes to react to the current Covid Pandemic

AIR QUALITY IMPLICATIONS

- 6. *None identified*

COMMENTS OF THE STATUTORY FINANCE OFFICER

- 7. There have been limited financial implications to date as a result of this decision. A total of three licences have been issued at £100 per licence.

COMMENTS OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

- 8. *As per the Constitution, any decisions taken by using the Standing Order 35 route are required to be reported to the Licensing and Public Safety Committee. Due to their urgency and in order to react to a situation during these uncertain times, it was deemed necessary to take such action.*

OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

▶ Risk	<i>The risks were identified in the SO35. This report is for noting only.</i>
▶ Equality & Diversity	

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Document 1 – Original Report - Medicals
Background Document 2 – Original Report – Pavement Licensing Policy

APPENDICES

There are no appendices to this report

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