

REPORT FOR DECISION

FOR: REGULATORY AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

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STREET COLLECTIONS 2014

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To ask Members to approve the allocation of Street Collection Permits for 2014.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 It is recommended that permits be allocated in accordance with **APPENDIX 'A'**.

3. Summary of Background Information

- 3.1 Street Collections are regulated by the Police Factories etc (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1916 with regulations drawn from The Charitable Collections (Transitional Provisions) Order 1974.
- 3.2 A list of charities that carry out street collections regularly is prepared annually and put before Members for their approval. The charities whose collections have been approved can then apply for a street collection permit for the following year.
- 3.3 One permit is issued per week (Monday to Friday) and one for each weekend for individual areas of the district. An exception is made for the "Santa Float" collections which are carried out throughout December in the residential areas and do not interfere with the collections in the city or town centre. Permits are issued on a first come first served basis.
- 3.4 When requests for additional collections are received the Licensing Team check that the charity is registered with the Charity Commission and that the person applying has been given authority to apply on the charities behalf. The request is then referred to the Chair of the Regulatory and Licensing Committee. If approved a permit is issued.
- 3.5 Collectors must be at least 16 years of age, must not receive payment and must use a sealed container clearly bearing the name of the organisation they are collecting for. After the collection is carried out the organisation completes a statement showing the amount collected and any expenses that have been deducted.

- 3.6 Only the collection of cash and the sale of goods are covered by the Act. Face to Face fundraisers asking for donations by direct debit are not. However, many do contact us as a matter of good practice to ensure that only one group of fundraisers is in the area at any one time.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 There will be no direct financial implications for the Council. Street Collections are an important source of income for the organisations that apply for permits.

Appendix A

Street Collections 2014

Lichfield

Alzheimer's Society
Bowel Cancer UK
British Heart Foundation
Cats Protection
Cruse Bereavement Care
Lichfield Branch of the Staffordshire
Regimental Association
Lichfield Folk Festival
Lichfield Greenhill Bower
Lichfield Mysteries
Lichfield Proms
Lichfield Roundtable
Lichfield Soroptimists
Marie Curie Cancer Care
Pathway Project
Phoenix Children's Foundation
RNLI
Royal Air Forces Association
Salvation Army
St. Giles Hospice

The Society for the Protection of
Animals Abroad

Burntwood

Compassion in World Farming
Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research
Macmillan Cancer Support
Rotary Club of Burntwood
Rottweiler Welfare Association

Fazeley and Mile Oak

Tamworth & District Round Table

Handsacre & Armitage

The Friends of Hayes Meadow
School

Whole District

Royal British Legion