

LICENSING REGULATORY COMMITTEE

Street Collections Policy 26th March 2015

Report of the Chief Officer (Governance)

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To enable the Committee to consider amending its street collections policy as requested by Council at its meeting on the 4th March 2015.

This report is public.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) That the street collections policy be amended to include an additional paragraph:

(f) That a permit for any location on Armed Forces Day each year (generally the last Saturday in June) will be issued only in respect of a collection by a charity connected with the armed forces. Any permit issued under this paragraph shall be additional to the permits referred to in paragraph (a). Paragraphs (c), (d) and (e) of the policy will not apply to permits issued for Armed Forces Day.

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 At its meeting on the 4th March 2015, as part of a motion on notice relating to Armed Forces Day, Council resolved to request this Committee “to consider amending its street collection policy to provide for charities connected with the armed forces to be allocated permits to hold street collections in Lancaster, Morecambe and Carnforth on Armed Forces Day each year.”
- 1.2 This report enables the Committee to consider such an amendment to its policy.
- 1.3 The Committee’s current policy on street collections was established in 1999 and is as follows:
- (a) That 96 street collection permits be available for allocation annually, as follows: 18 for Lancaster, 18 for Morecambe, 12 for Carnforth and the rural areas for national charities and 18 for Lancaster, 18 for Morecambe, 12 for Carnforth and the rural areas for local charities, which demonstrate that all money collected will be distributed within the City Council district.

(b) That, in addition, permits be issued annually to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal; the Lancaster University Rag Appeal; the Lancaster, Morecambe & Carnforth Round Table Christmas Appeals; the Lancaster, Morecambe & Carnforth Carnivals; the Morecambe Branch of the RNLI and the Telethon Appeal.

(c) That, if in any one year there are more allocations than permits available, then the allocation be determined by ballot, the Licensing Regulatory Committee being recommended to give first consideration to those applicants utilising their funds locally.

(d) No charity to be granted street collection permits for both Lancaster and Morecambe in any one year.

(e) That a charity which has been granted street collection permits for 3 consecutive years be granted a permit for the 4th year in succession, only if no other qualifying charities would, as a consequence, be deprived of a permit.

1.4 Generally, a permit will be allocated for the date requested by the applicant, on a first come first served basis, with only one permit being allocated for that day in that location.

1.5 A permit has already been issued to the Lancaster Military Heritage Group for a street collection in Lancaster on the 27th June 2015, which is Armed Forces Day. It is understood that the collection is to be for The Royal British Legion and Blind Veterans UK.

2.0 Proposal Details

2.1 It would be possible for the Committee to amend its policy as requested by Council, to provide that a permit for any location on Armed Forces Day each year (generally the last Saturday in June) will be issued only in respect of a collection by a charity connected with the armed forces.

2.2 This would ensure that the date is reserved for a collection connected with Armed Forces Day, and would prevent any other organisation from obtaining a permit to undertake a collection on that day, whether in Lancaster, Morecambe or Carnforth and the rural areas.

2.3 The amended policy could also provide for any permits issued for Armed Forces Day to be additional to those referred to in paragraph (a) of the policy, and that paragraphs (c), (d) and (e) of the policy should not apply to permits issued for Armed Forces Day.

3.0 Details of Consultation

3.1 The proposed amendment reflects the wishes of full Council.

4.0 Conclusion

4.1 The Committee is asked to consider the proposed amendment of the policy.

CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT

(including Health & Safety, Equality & Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, Sustainability and Rural Proofing)

None directly arising from this report.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal implications directly arising from this report. Street collections are regulated under the Police, Factories etc (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1916 and Charitable Collections (Transitional Provisions) Order 1974

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising from this report. No fee is chargeable for street collection permits.

OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**Human Resources:**

None

Information Services:

None

Property:

None

Open Spaces:

None

SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Deputy Section 151 officer has been consulted and has no further comments.

MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The report has been prepared by the Monitoring Officer in her capacity as Chief Officer (Governance).

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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