

Street Collection Policy – Surrey Border Lions Club – Bagshot, Lightwater And Windlesham District And Make A Wish

Portfolio:	Community
Ward(s) Affected:	All

Purpose

To consider Council a request by both the Surrey Border Lions Club, Bagshot Lightwater and Windlesham District and Make a Wish to be granted an additional day each year to undertake street collections.

Background

1. Street collections are only permitted in the Borough if organisers of the collections meet certain criteria and hold a street collection licence granted by the Council.
2. Licences are issued by the Licensing Section in accordance with a street collection policy that has been adopted by the Council. A copy of the current policy is attached at Annex A.
3. Under existing Council policy the Surrey Border Lions, Make a Wish and other similar charities are permitted to undertake collections on one day each year.

Current Position

4. Both local charities have requested special consideration be given to amend the policy.

The Surrey Border Lions Club have stated that the Street Collection they conduct is their main fund raising venture of the year and all the monies they raise are distributed within the Windlesham Parish Communities, nothing being deducted for expenses. They would like the Committee to consider a further day to be allocated to them throughout the yearly.

Make A Wish are requesting an extra day as a local charity based in Camberley. The current policy prohibits them being able to conduct collections at more than one place within Surrey Heath. This year they collected at the Frimley Green Carnival and requested a further licence for the Surrey Heath Show. This request could not be authorised due to the current policy.

Proposal

5. This request is a matter for determination by the Committee but members should be aware that the granting of this request is likely to lead to similar requests being made by other local charities. The purpose of the policy has been to ensure that all charities have an equal opportunity to make collections and the Committee will therefore need to be satisfied that there are reasons to justify amending the current policy if the additional days are to be granted.

Resource Implications

6. There are no resource implications for the Council.

Recommendation

7. The Committee is asked to consider the request from the Surrey Border Lions Club, Bagshot Lightwater and Windlesham District and Make A Wish to grant them both an extra day collection each year and if necessary RESOLVE that the current Street Collection Policy be amended accordingly.

Background Papers: None

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