

Street Collection Policy

Portfolio:	Community
Ward(s) Affected:	All

Purpose

To consider a new draft Street Collections Policy

Background

1. Street collections are only permitted in the Borough if organisers of the collections meet certain criteria and hold a street collection permit granted by the Council.
2. Permits 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. Local authorities are solely responsible for the issuing of street collection permits under Section 5 of the Police, Factories, etc. (Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1916, as amended by the Local Government Act 1972 and Schedule 29 of that Act.
4. The Council has issued Regulations under these statutory powers. These are laid down by central Government and are largely the same for all authorities.

Current Position

5. After much discussion at The Licensing Committee held on the 14th September 2011, it was resolved that the current policy needs to be reviewed. A copy of the new draft policy is attached as Annex B. Members and Officers both had a clear understanding of what the policy should contain, however after years of ad hoc amendments, it was felt that the current policy was no longer up to date, clear and concise.

Proposal

6. This policy is a matter for determination by the Committee. The purpose of the policy has been to ensure that all organisations have an equal opportunity to make collections. The Committee will therefore need to be satisfied that the new policy encompasses all the aspects that Members and Officers consider feel are important.

Resource Implications

7. There are no resource implications for the Council. The Council cannot charge for these permits.

Legal Implications

8. The new policy meets the requirements of the Equalities Act 2010 and the Human Rights Act 1998.

Recommendation

7. The Committee is asked to consider the new draft policy and RESOLVE that it be adopted to replace the current Street Collection Policy.

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Background Papers:

Annexes

Current Policy – Annex A
Proposed Policy – Annex B

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