

Report to:	PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE
Relevant Officer:	Sharon Davies, Head of Licensing Service
Date of meeting:	13 March 2018

ALLOCATION OF STREET COLLECTIONS 2018/2019

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To consider the allocation of street collections for 2018/2019

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To consider the applications for street collection permits detailed in 5.4 – 5.14

2.2 To delegate to the Head of Licensing Services authority to issue further suitable applicants with permits.

2.3 To authorise the grant of a permit under the street collection regulations to cover the public collections made via the collection booths during the period of the illuminations and to permit the sale to the public a brochure on the evening of the Switch on of the 2018 Illuminations

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 The Sub-Committee are required to consider applications received for the forthcoming year and consider whether they wish to deal with future applications themselves or delegate powers to grant suitable applications to the Head of Licensing Services.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

The Sub-Committee has the power to grant or refuse the applications.

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council Priority is “Safeguard and protect the most vulnerable”

5.0 Background Information

5.1 Street collections are regulated by under the Police, Factories, etc (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1916.

5.2 This report sets out the charities on the approved Council list together with other requests for collection permits in 2018/2019.

5.3 The Sub-Committee is requested to select those organisations which should be allowed street collection permits for the forthcoming 12 month period.

5.4 The following organisations on the approved list have indicated that they wish to hold a street collection in Blackpool during 2017/2018:

- Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2018

Copy of the application can be found in Appendix 6(a)

5.5 The Licensing Service has also received the following applications for street collections in the forthcoming year. Copies of the applications can be found in Appendix 6(b).

5.6 **Help for Heroes.** This is a national charity providing support to members of the armed forces. This applicant has been granted 4 previous permits. Applications are made for collections on 20/21 April, 18/19 May, 15/16 June, 20/21 July, 14/15 September, 16/17 November, 14/15 December. BID has no objections but cannot guarantee space in St John’s Square until nearer the dates in 2018 due to ongoing roadworks.

5.7 **Marie Curie Cancer Care.** This is a charity provides care and support for people living with any terminal illness and their families. The applicant has had 2 previous permits for the same charity and would like to collect on 21 April 2018 in St John’s Square 10am-4pm with an hour of Irish Dancing 2.30-3.30pm.

5.8 **Meningitis Now.** The UK’s largest Meningitis Charity offering support, funding research and raising awareness. A permit is requested for a collection in the Town Centre on 12 May 2018 10am-4pm. This is the applicant’s first Street Collection in Blackpool.

- 5.9 **Trinity and Brian House Children's Hospice.** Local specialist units offering Palliative care for adults and children. The applicant has had 7 previous Permits and is the fundraising Manager. The two applications are for 14 April 2018 Bubble Rush and 13 May 2018 10K Fun Run.
- 5.10 **Tiny Individuals Need You.** Local CIC raising funds to buy a static home for underprivileged children. The applicant has had 3 previous Permits and is applying for Promenade and Town Centre 24-28 May and 25-27 August 2018. Visit Blackpool has objections to some dates advising they will not be permitted on the Promenade between 27/28 May nor 25-27 August 2018.
- 5.11 **Here 4 U.** Local Charity making the lives of people that feel they have been 'left behind' a little easier. This is the Charity's first application and is for the 18 August 2018 in St John's Square 8am-8pm.
- 5.12 **RNLI** The applicant has had 13 previous Permits granted in favour of the Lifeboat Charity and wishes to collect on 4 August 2018 –Lifeboat Open Day and 2 September 2018 'Boat Pull'
- 5.13 **Alzheimer's Society.** UK's leading dementia support and research charity, this will be the applicant's second collection, a Memory Walk along the Promenade on the 16 September 2018.
- 5.14 **BETEL UK.** Helping addicts recover from addiction, this is their second application and they wanted 3-6 December 2018 inclusive, BID recommend no more than two days.

Does the information submitted include any exempt information?

No

List of Appendices:

Appendix 6(a) Applications detailed in 5.4

Appendix 6(b) Applications detailed in 5.6-5.14

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 None

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 None

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 None

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 None

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 None

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 None

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 Consultation has been undertaken with the BID team or Visit Blackpool depending on where the collection is due to take place.

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 None