

Report to:	PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE
Relevant Officer:	Sharon Davies, Head of Licensing Service
Date:	29 th March 2016

ALLOCATION OF STREET COLLECTIONS 2016/2017

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To consider the allocation of street collections for 2016/2017

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To consider the applications for street collection permits detailed in 5.4 – 5.11

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 2016 Illuminations

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 The Sub-Committee is 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:

None, the Sub-Committee has the power to grant or refuse the applications.

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council Priority is:

‘The economy – maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool’

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 2016/2017.

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 2016/2017:

- RSPCA
- Trinity Hospice
- Blackpool RNLI
- The Salvation Army

Copies of the applications 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 **Cancer Research.** This is a national charity which aims to fund research into the treatment, prevention and early diagnosis of cancer. The application for consideration today is for a permit to collect in the Town Centre and on the Promenade on 21st October 2016.

5.7 **Stephen Pierre (the Gelleonairs Band).** The band intends to perform in St John’s Square on the various dates attached to the application and collect for the benefit of Trinity Hospice. Similar permits were granted last year.

5.8 **Futuresense Foundation.** This is a charity which supports disadvantaged communities around the world. The application is for permits to make collections in the Town Centre on 9th April 2016. This would be the charities first street collection in Blackpool since a previous permit was granted in 2013.

5.9 **Marie Curie** This is a national charity supporting people suffering from terminal illness either in one of their hospices or in their own homes A permit is requested for a collection on 2nd April 2016.

5.10 **Whitaker Dance and Drama Centre.** This dance centre has applied for a permit to make a charitable collection on behalf of Marie Curie on 16th April 2016 when they will be performing Irish dancing in St John's Square. This is their first application for a street collection permit.

5.11 **Penny Appeal.** This is a charity which works on projects in 30 crisis hit countries. The application is for a collection to take place on 26th June 2016 in the Town Centre. This is the first application for a collection in the area by this charity.

5.12 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.13 **List of Appendices:**

Appendix 6(a) Applications detailed in 5.5

Appendix 6(b) Applications detailed in 5.7-5.12

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