

Report to:	PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE
Relevant Officer:	Lee Petrak, Trading Standards and Licensing Manager
Date of meeting:	23 March 2021

ALLOCATION OF STREET COLLECTION PERMITS 2021-2022

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To review the decision of the Sub-Committee in November 2020 to suspend applications for Street Collection permits in line with Coronavirus restrictions at that time.
- 1.2 To consider the allocation of Street Collection Permits for 2021-2022.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To restart the issuing of permits for Street Collections to be undertaken from 12 April 2021, or no earlier than the date the Government allows the reopening of non-essential retail, outdoor attractions and outdoor hospitality. In the case of further significant delays to the easing of Coronavirus restrictions a report will be brought back the Sub-Committee for consideration at its April meeting.
- 2.2 To delegate the Trading Standards and Licensing Manager authority to issue suitable applicants with permits for 2021-2022.
- 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 2021 Illuminations and to permit the sale to the public a brochure on the evening of the Switch On of the 2021 Illuminations.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 The Sub-Committee are required to consider applications for the forthcoming year and consider whether they wish to deal with future applications themselves or delegate powers to grant suitable applications to the Trading Standards and Licensing Manager.
- 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 "The Economy: Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool."

5.0 Background Information

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

5.2 At the meeting of the Public Protection Sub Committee in November 2020 it was agreed to suspend the issuing of street collection permits while Blackpool remained under Coronavirus restrictions. In anticipation of the easing of restrictions with the proposed reopening of non-essential retail, outdoor attractions and outdoor hospitality no earlier than 12 April, a number of charitable organisations will wish to restart collections as quickly as possible.

Due to the current suspension on permit applications the Licensing Service has no existing applications for Street Collections in the forthcoming year that require consideration, so the granting of any future applications is recommended to be delegated to the Trading Standards and Licensing Manager. Should there be any doubts in respect of the suitability of any future application this will be referred back to the Sub-Committee for determination.

5.3 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

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 will be 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.