

<b>Report to:</b>	<b>PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE</b>
<b>Relevant Officer:</b>	Lee Petrak, Trading Standards and Licensing Manager
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	28 March 2023

## **ALLOCATION OF STREET COLLECTIONS 2023/2024**

### **1.0 Purpose of the report:**

1.1 To consider the allocation of street collections for 2023/2024.

### **2.0 Recommendation(s):**

2.1 To consider the applications for street collection permits detailed in Appendices 3a and 3b

2.2 To delegate to the Trading Standards and Licensing Manager 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 2023 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 it wishes to deal with future applications itself or delegate powers to grant suitable applications to the Trading Standards and Licensing Manager.

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

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

### **4.0 Other alternative options to be considered:**

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

## 5.0 Council priority:

5.1 The relevant Council priorities are:

- “The economy: Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool”
- “Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience”

## 6.0 Background information

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

6.2 This report sets out the charities on the approved Council list together with other requests for collection permits in 2023/2024.

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

6.4 The following organisations on the approved list have indicated that they wish to hold a street collection in Blackpool during 2023/2024:

- **Blackpool R.N.L.I.** – Friday 7 April 11am-4pm, 6 collectors on Promenade between Sandcastle and North pier. New applicant for the collection for the Annual fundraiser, previously always file a return.
- **Trinity Hospice** – Sunday 14 May 10-2pm, 5 Collectors on Blackpool Promenade during the annual Beaverbrooks 10k Fun run. Local Charity, always file a return.
- **RSPCA** – Friday 26 May, 10am-4pm, 6 collectors Church Street/Abingdon Street, bucket collection. Annual event.
- **Royal British Legion** – 28 October to 11 November 2023, Poppy Appeal, 50 collection sites throughout Blackpool, annual poppy appeal.

Copies of the applications can be found at Appendix 3(a)

6.5 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 3(b)

6.6 **Marie Curie Cancer Care** – Saturday 29 April – 2.30-3.30pm, 6 collectors in St John’s Square. Irish dancing from Whittaker Dance and Drama, annual event, always file a return.

- 6.7 **Broadway Stars Morris Dancers** – Friday 19 May, 10.30am-5pm, 10 Collectors, performing dance on Comedy Carpet. Previous successful collections. Raising funds for new dance costumes and end of season championships.
- 6.8 **Brian House and Children with Cancer UK** – Saturday 27 May, 11am-6pm, 6 Collectors, Blackpool ‘Souls in Motion’, dancing on the Comedy carpet. Previous successful collections.
- 6.9 **McMillan Cancer** – Friday 2 June and Saturday 3 June, 9am-6pm, Applied for 20 Collectors, Licensing Service recommended maximum of 4 collectors, St John’s Square to Church Street. Jim Allan co-ordinator, successful collections and returns 2017. A number of applications withdrawn in 2018.
- 6.10 **Diabetes UK** – Friday 23 June and Saturday 24 June, 9am-6pm, Applied for 20 collectors, Licensing Service recommend maximum of 4 collectors, St John’s Square to Church Street. Jim Allan co-ordinator, successful collections and returns 2017. A number of applications withdrawn in 2018.
- 6.11 **Blue Skies Hospitals Fund** – Wednesday 5 July, 4.30pm-9.30pm, 8 collectors, sponsored walk Starr Gate to Victoria Hospital, 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Appeal. Previous collections.
- 6.12 **The Christie Charity** - Sunday 9 July, 10am-5pm, 4 collectors, South Promenade and Solaris Centre. Annual Manchester to Blackpool bike ride.
- 6.13 **National Coastwatch institute** – Saturday 22 July, 10am-5pm, 12 collectors, sponsored walk, Blackpool Tower to Fleetwood along promenade. No previous collections.
- 6.14 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

## 7.0 List of Appendices:

- 7.1 Appendix 3(a) Applications detailed in 6.4  
Appendix 3(b) Applications detailed in 6.6 - 6.13

## 8.0 Financial considerations:

- 8.1 None

## 9.0 Legal considerations:

- 9.1 Police, Factories, etc (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1916.

**10.0 Risk management considerations:**

10.1 None

**11.0 Equalities considerations:**

11.1 None

**12.0 Sustainability, climate change and environmental considerations:**

12.1 None

**13.0 Internal/external consultation undertaken:**

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

**14.0 Background papers:**

14.1 None