

Report to:	PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE
Relevant Officer:	Lee Petrak, Trading Standards and Licensing Manager
Date of Meeting:	26 March 2024

ALLOCATION OF STREET COLLECTIONS 2024/2025

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To consider the allocation of street collections for 2024/2025.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To consider the applications for street collection permits detailed in paragraphs 6.4 to 6.10

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 2024 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 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 priority is both:

- "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 2024/2025.

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 2024/2025:

- **Trinity Hospice** – Sunday 12 May 10am-2pm, 6 Collectors on Blackpool Promenade during the annual Beaverbrooks 10k Fun run. Local Charity, always file a return.
- **Blackpool R.N.L.I.** – Saturday 25 May 1pm-4pm and Sunday 25 August 9am-5pm, 6 collectors on Promenade between Sandcastle and Lifeboat Station. Annual fundraiser, previously always file a return.
- **Royal British Legion (Riders Branch)** – Thursday 27 June 9am-6pm, 10 collectors outside Coral Island, annual poppy appeal.
- **Royal British Legion** – Saturday 26 October to Saturday 9 November, poppy appeal, 25 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 **Brian House Children’s Hospice** – Saturday 13 April to Sunday 9 June, 4 collectors a day in the Town Centre and Tower Headland. Collecting as part of Elmers Big Parade Blackpool 2024. Previous collections by applicant with no issues.

6.7 **Macmillan Cancer Care** – Saturday 20 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.

6.8 **Macmillan Cancer Care** – Friday 17 May to Sunday 19 May 9am-6pm, 4 collectors, St Johns Square to Church St, Jim Allan co-ordinator, previous successful collections and filed returns.

6.9 **Diabetes UK** – Friday 14 June to Sunday 16 June, 9am-6pm, 4 collectors, St John’s Square to Church Street. Jim Allan co-ordinator, previous successful collections and filed returns.

6.10 **Blackpool Working Newfoundlands** – Thursday 1 August to Sunday 4 August 12pm-8pm, 5 collectors, St John’s Square, meet and greet event with rescue dogs during the Rebellion Festival. One previous collection with no issues. Awaiting approval from Blackpool Improvement District (BID) Team

6.11 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 - 6.10

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 and the impact of this decision for our children and young people:**

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