

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

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STREET COLLECTIONS 2020

1.0 Background

1.1 A street collection permit is required to collect money or sell articles for the benefit of any charitable, benevolent or philanthropic purpose in any street or public place. Collectors should have sealed collecting tins stating which organisation they are collecting on behalf of and should not act in any such manner as to cause, or likely to cause danger, obstruction, inconvenience or annoyance to any person. Street collections are governed by Section 5 of the Police, Factories, etc. (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1916 as amended by Section 251 and Schedule 29 to the Local Government Act 1972.

2.0 Information

2.1 The Council allows a total of 19 street collections to take place in Newark throughout the year. In addition, it also allows 12 in Ollerton and 13 in Southwell.

2.2 A list of applications received so far has been forwarded to Ollerton & Boughton Town Council, Southwell Town Council and Newark Town Council. These are listed in **Appendix A** detailing those charitable organisations wishing to make a street collection within these areas 2020. Members will note that the number received is below that maximum allowed and therefore it is anticipated that further applications will be made.

2.3 Ollerton & Boughton Town Council is considering the application in respect of Ollerton Town Centre.

2.4 Southwell Town Council Members noted the applications in **Appendix A** that are proposed for Southwell and have raised no comments in respect of Southwell Town Centre applications.

2.5 Members will be aware that only one collection is allowed in the whole of the district in November and this is usually granted to Royal British Legion. Application number 7 by Southwell Brownies to raise funds for Diabetes Research is for 26.11.20. They have provided us with further information as to why they should be granted the licence. They have said:

[1] The RBL Poppy Appeal extends only until 10 November.

[2] The street collection will take part on the evening of Christmas late night shopping event in Southwell.

[3] Southwell Brownies have carried out street collections for various charities over the last 3 years. This year they have chosen Diabetes Research because one of the leaders has diabetes and has had her leg amputated as a result of the disease.

2.6 Newark Town Council considered applications in respect of the Newark Town Centre. Application number 3 has been agreed and Application number 4 has been refused.

2.7 Newark Town Council's Policy attached at **Appendix B** states that the Council would generally not support requests for a Street Collection from those outside the area or where the proceeds are not likely to benefit the community.

3.0 Proposals

3.1 It is proposed that the Director – Communities & Environment be authorised to issue the licences for the applications supported by the Town Councils together with any further licences subsequently received under delegated powers after, and in the cases of Newark, Ollerton and Southwell Town Centres, having considered the recommendation of the relevant Town Councils.

3.2 It is further proposed that the applications not supported by the Town Councils be offered an alternative location within the Newark & Sherwood District.

4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS that:

(a) the Committee consider the applications for Street Collections along with the comments of the relevant Town Councils and identify the street collections that shall be granted within the District of Newark & Sherwood during the financial year 2020/21 and

(b) after consultation with the Chairman of the General Purposes Committee the Director – Communities & Environment be authorised to approve and issue licences for all additional applications received for street collections within the District of Newark & Sherwood during the financial year 2020/21

Background Papers

Nil

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