



Licensing and Regulatory Committee	Thursday, 08 September 2022	Matter for Information and Decision
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Report Title: **Charitable Collections Policy (September 2022)**

Report Author(s): **Jon Wells (Senior Strategic Development Manager)**

Purpose of Report:	To consider any relevant updates with regard to the Charitable Collections Policy 2022 ("the Policy") and to ensure any relevant changes/updates are included.
Report Summary:	The current Policy has been reviewed and updated where necessary. In 2022, it is essential that this is completed to ensure the effective ongoing regulation of Charitable Collections Policy. An updated draft version is attached at Appendix 1 which is currently out to consultation and this gives a framework that applicants can use when formulating an application as well as giving an overview of how the Council will determine applications.
Recommendation(s):	A. That the Charitable Collections Policy 2022 be adopted and B. That delegated authority be granted to the Head of Law and Democracy to consider any other amendments as may be necessary in consultation with the Chair of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee.
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Corporate Objectives:	Providing Excellent Services (CO3)
Vision and Values:	Accountability (V1) Customer Focus (V5)
Report Implications:-	
Legal:	Whilst there is no statutory requirement for a local authority to adopt a Charitable Collections Policy, it gives clarity to the public, partner agencies and applicants, provides a framework for Officers and Members to enable consistent decision making and transparency, and reduce the opportunity for challenge through the courts by judicial review.
Financial:	There are no implications directly arising from this report.
Corporate Risk Management:	Regulatory Governance (CR6) Reputation Damage (CR4)

Equalities and Equalities Assessment (EA):	There are no implications arising from this report.
Human Rights:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Health and Safety:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Statutory Officers' Comments:-	
Head of Paid Service:	The report is satisfactory.
Chief Finance Officer:	The report is satisfactory.
Monitoring Officer:	The report is satisfactory.
Consultees:	None.
Background Papers:	None.
Appendices:	1. Draft Charitable Collections Policy (September 2022)

1. Background

- 1.1 Street Collections are the collecting of cash or articles from a stationary position in the street, usually for charitable purposes. They are governed by the Police, Factories etc (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1916. This Act allows the Council to control the places where collections may be permitted and the conditions under which permits can be issued.
- 1.2 House to House Collections are regulated by the House to House Collections Act 1939. This Act requires the promotor to obtain a permit from the Council to collect cash or goods for charity by going door to door before a collection can be carried out. The Council must grant a permit on application unless one of the grounds set out in the Act for refusing the licence applies

2. Policy Review

- 2.1 The current Policy has been reviewed and updated and a draft is provided at Appendix 1.
- 2.2 There has been very little in the way of major reviews of the legislation since the start of the current policy and consequently the draft policy is fundamentally unchanged. The main changes are therefore providing a timeline to expected changes through 2022 and 2023.