

Licensing Sub-Committee 3 – 2nd August 2011

Report of the Director of Corporate Resources

Grant of Street Collection Permit

United in Cancer Charitable Trust – Mr Martin Olliver

Purpose of Report

1. To consider the application for the grant of a street collection permit in respect of United in Cancer Charitable Trust.

Background

2. On the 6th June 2011, Mr Martin Olliver on behalf of United in Cancer Charitable Trust made application for the grant of a street collections permit. A copy of that application has been circulated to Committee Members and interested parties.
3. In January 1999, the Licensing Section in accordance with the Neighbouring Authorities Working Group introduced a policy requiring all street collection permit applicants to submit income and expenditure accounts for the previous financial year.
4. In recent years, application for street collections have been received from independent commercial companies undertaking collections on behalf of specific charities. Therefore, in November 2009, the Council introduced a further policy that all applicants for Street Collection Permits be required to submit with the application, income and expenditure accounts for the previous financial year of the charity for which the collection is being made and also for the company or organisation making the collection. This is to ensure that a substantial amount of the monies collected are used for charitable purposes.
5. Mr Olliver has confirmed in writing that they are in their first financial year of operating and therefore do not have audited accounts for the last financial year. Mr Olliver has also confirmed that they are unable to produce any brochure, pamphlet, handbook or other publications of the organisation or charity describing its objects and activities. A copy of that letter has been forwarded to the Committee Members and interested parties.

6. Copies of the application have been circulated to the West Midlands Police and Directorate of the Urban Environment (Highways). These agencies raised no objections to the application.
7. This application falls within the Council's recent responsibility for licensing which has a direct link to the Council's key corporate priority that safety matters.

Finance

8. There are no financial implications.

Law


9. Street Collection Permits are governed by the Police, Factories etc, (Miscellaneous) Provisions Act 1916.
10. Under this Act, the Council have made regulations for street collections.
11. The Council has an unfettered discretion to the granting of Street Collection Permits and there are no statutory rights of appeal against the refusal of a Street Collection Permit.

Equality Impact

12. This report takes into account the Council's policy on equal opportunities.
13. There has been no consultation or involvement of children and young people in developing these proposals.

Recommendation

14. That the Committee consider the application for the grant of a Street Collections Permit in respect of United in Cancer Charitable Trust – Mr Martin Olliver.



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