

Licensing Sub-Committee 1 – 13th May 2008

Report of the Director of Law and Property

Grant of Street Collection Permit

Purpose of Report

1. To consider the application on behalf of Mr Andrew Stevens of Shelter for the grant of a street collection permit on behalf of Shelter.

Background

2. On the 12th February 2008 Mr Andrew Stevens made application for the grant of a street collection permit on behalf of Shelter. A copy of that application form is attached to this report as Appendix 1.
3. That application was circulated to the West Midlands Police, Directorate of the Urban Environment and the Town Centre Management.
4. Andrea Jones, Town Centre Manager, made representations which are attached to this report as Appendix 2. None of the other agencies raised objections.
5. In January 1999, the licensing section in accordance with the neighbouring Authorities Working Group introduced a policy requiring all street collection applications to submit income and expenditure accounts for the previous financial year. The accounts are attached to this report as Appendix 3.
6. This report is submitted for consideration as Shelter would like to conduct their collection by means of direct debit.
7. This matter was due to be considered by the Committee on the 8th April 2008. The Committee resolved at the request of Mr Stevens to defer the matter to a future hearing.
8. This report has a direct link to the Councils priority for safety as the principal reason for submission is safeguarding the public.

Finance

9. There are no financial implications.

Law

10. Street collection permits are governed by the Police, Factories etc (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1916.
11. Under this Act, the Council have made regulations for street collections.
12. 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

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

Recommendation

15. That the Committee determine this application.

Background Papers

16. Application Form

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