

**Licensing and Safety Committee – 12<sup>th</sup> November 2009**

**Report of the Interim Director of Law, Property and Human Resources**

**Amendment of policy in relation to Street and House to House Collections**

**Purpose of Report**

1. In January 1999, a policy was introduced requiring all applicants for House to House and Street Collection Permits to submit income and expenditure accounts for the previous financial year. This is to ensure that a substantial amount of monies collected are used for charitable purposes.
2. In recent years applications for both Street Collection and House to House permits and have been received from independent commercial companies undertaking collections on behalf specific charities. In the first instance, a significant number of these companies submit the financial accounts of the charities for whom they are conducting the collections rather than their own company accounts.
3. To ensure that the correct company accounts are submitted with the application it is suggested that the wording of the policy is amended to read :-  
  
'All applicants for House to House or Street Collection permits shall submit their income and expenditure accounts for the previous financial year.'
4. This report has a direct link to the Council's priority for safety as the principal reason for submission in safeguarding the public.

**Finance**

5. There are no financial implications to the public.

**Law**

6. House to House Collections are governed by Section 2 of the House to House Collections Act 1939 and Street Collection Permits by The Police, Factories, etc. (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1916

## **Equality Impact**

7. This report takes into account the Council's policy on equal opportunities.

## **Recommendation**

8. That the committee approve the amendment to the policy outlined in paragraph 3 of this report.



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