

# Report to Regulatory Panel

Agenda  
Item:

**A.3**

Meeting Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2014  
 Portfolio: Finance, Governance and Resources  
 Key Decision: Not Applicable:  
 Within Policy and Budget Framework  
 Public / Private Public

Title: STREET COLLECTIONS 2015  
 Report of: Director of Governance  
 Report Number: GD36/14

## Purpose / Summary:

Applications for street collections have historically been referred to the Regulatory Panel for determination, due to the large number of applications. The purpose of this report is to request that Members allow officers to deal with them instead under existing delegated powers, due to the reduction in applications.

## Recommendations:

To allow Officers to use their delegated powers to determine street collection applications

## Tracking

Executive:	
Overview and Scrutiny:	
Council:	

## **To the Chairman & Members of the Regulatory Panel on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2014**

### **1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 Applications for street collections have traditionally been referred to the Regulatory Panel for determination. The Council previously received as many as 40 applications for street collections in Carlisle and it was decided by Members that about 12 would be appropriate. A report is presented to the Regulatory Panel in November each year and the Members approve those collections they decided were appropriate for the following year. This decision was based on factors such as whether the charity was locally based, if it had been successful in previous years and if similar applications had been approved, eg children's charities or cancer charities etc.
- 1.2 As well as the above collections, Officers have delegated powers to grant "one off" collections where the collection is ancillary to the main event. Examples of these are Lands End to John O'Groats walks that are passing through the City and are collecting money for charity or The Salvation Army Band playing carols at Christmas in the City Centre. There can be a further 50 applications for this type of collection throughout the year.
- 1.3 Over the last few years charities have found more lucrative and sustainable methods of raising money as the number of volunteer collectors has reduced. Direct debit collectors are frequently seen in the city centre and they are exempt from street collection legislation. Although we have no legal control over these fund raisers we do have quite a good working relationship with them and can usually ensure their collections do not overlap.
- 1.4 As a result of the changes in the way charities now fund themselves only 3 applications were received last year for 2014 collections and so far this year we have received only one for 2015, The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

### **2 OPTIONS**

- 2.1 To continue with the present system and present a report to The Regulatory Panel each November
- 2.2 To allow Officers to use their delegated powers to determine street collection applications.

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**CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS/RISKS:**

**Chief Executive's - n/a**

**Deputy Chief Executive – n/a**

**Economic Development – n/a**

**Governance – n/a**

**Local Environment – n/a**

**Resources - n/a**