

**STREET COLLECTIONS
REGULATIONS AND POLICY**

Executive Summary

This report is to seek approval for Regulations and a harmonised Policy in relation to Street Collections.

Recommendations

It is recommended that:

The Licensing Committee agree to the harmonised Policy on Street Collections attached as Appendix 2.

The Licensing Committee agree to make the Regulations attached as Appendix 3 for submission to the Minister for the Cabinet Office for approval and that any previous Street Collection Regulations be revoked from the date that the new Regulations come into effect.

The Licensing Committee agree that once notification is received of the approval of the Regulations that the Regulations and Policy are implemented as soon as possible thereafter.

Reason for Proposal

To provide a harmonised Policy in relation to street collections throughout the Wiltshire Council area.

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Purpose of Report

1. This report is to seek approval for Regulations and a harmonised Policy in relation to street collections.
2. It outlines the actions required by the Licensing Committee and further processes required to implement the Regulations and Policy in relation to street collections.
3. It recommends that the Licensing Committee agree to the harmonised Policy and the formal adoption by Wiltshire Council of the Regulations for approval by The Minister of the Cabinet Office.

Background

4. Prior to the District Councils and County Council becoming a Unitary Authority, the District Councils had individually adopted standard Regulations relating to Street Collections. These regulations cover places where and the conditions under which persons may be permitted in any street or public place within Wiltshire to collect money or sell articles for the benefit of charitable or other purposes. In addition the District Councils adopted their own local policies on such matters as the number of collections allowed in their area by charitable organisations.
5. Since unification to Wiltshire Council, these four separate Policies are still being operated in order to implement and enforce Street Collections across the County of Wiltshire resulting in significant differences in the allocation of days for each charity in the four main hub areas.
6. The four current policies are attached at Appendix 1, and the proposed new harmonised policy at Appendix 2.
7. Although the Regulations were adopted by the four District Councils, they have yet to be adopted by Wiltshire Council. The Regulations are attached as Appendix 3.
8. In order for Wiltshire Council to adopt the Regulations they must be sent to the Minister of the Cabinet Office for approval stating that 'all previous regulations are hereby revoked'.

Environmental Impact

9. The implementation of a new harmonised Policy will allow for easier implementation and enforcement across the County of Wiltshire and a standard agreement for the number of collections allowed in any town, being one collection per day.

Equality and Diversity

10. The new Policy will mean that all charities will be treated fairly and equitably with no singular charity being favoured over another.

Risk Assessment

None

Financial Implications

None

Legal Implications

11. In order for Wiltshire Council to adopt the Regulations, a request for this must be sent to and approved by the Minister of the Cabinet Office.

Conclusion

It is recommended:-

The Licensing Committee agree to the harmonised Policy on Street Collections.

The Licensing Committee agree to the Regulations being sent to the Minister for the Cabinet Office for approval and that any previous Regulations to be then revoked.

The Licensing Committee agree that once notification is received of the adoption of the Regulations that the Regulations and Policy are implemented as soon as possible thereafter.

Background Papers

- Current Policies in place across the four areas of Wiltshire
- Model Regulations

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Current Policies

Appendix 2 – Harmonised Policy

Appendix 3 – Regulations