

LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW

Meeting:	GRANTS ADVISORY PANEL
Date:	15 TH SEPTEMBER 2003
Subject:	STREET COLLECTIONS 2003
Key decision:	NO
Responsible Chief Officer:	CHIEF EXECUTIVE
Relevant Portfolio Holder:	PARTNERSHIP AND PROPERTY
Status:	PART 1
Ward:	N/A
Enclosures:	APPENDIX A – APPLICATION FROM COMMUNITY AID U. K.

1. **Summary/ Reason for urgency (if applicable)**

2. The report requests Members to consider the application received from Community Aid U.K., a registered charity offering financial support to local hospices, hospitals and individual people with special needs. The matter is urgent because Community Aid U.K. would like to collect between 27th October and 1st November 2003.

2. **Recommendations (for decision by Portfolio Holder)**

- 2.1 To sponsor the application received from Community Aid U.K. to hold a street collection between 27th October and 1st November 2003.
- 2.2 **REASON:** To enable the organisation to make formal application to the Metropolitan Police in order to obtain a permit to collect on the dates specified in the application.

3. **Consultation with Ward Councillors** - Not applicable

4. **Policy Context (including Relevant Previous Decisions)**

- 4.1 Grants Panel – 6 March 2003 – agreed to sponsor applications from the following organisations:

Name of Organisation

Welldon Activity Group
Harrow M.S. Therapy Centre
Michael Sobell House
Hillingdon North Society for Mentally
Handicapped Children and Adults (MENCAP)

Collection Date

Saturday 16 August 2003
Saturday 6 September 2003
Saturday 28 June 2003
Saturday 9 August 2003

5. Relevance to Corporate Priorities

5.1 This report addresses the Council's stated priority of "strengthening Harrow's local communities by promoting social inclusion amongst all Harrow residents both young and old, by seeking to eradicate poverty and by reducing the fear of crime."

6. Background Information and options considered

6.1 At their meeting on 11 June 1996, Members of the Grants Sub-Committee were informed that street collections are controlled by government regulations and the Metropolitan Police are responsible for granting licences for street collections in the London area. Members were also advised that proposals contained within the Charities Act 1992 introduced changes in relation to charitable collections made in a public place by means of visits from house to house. Responsibility for street collections and house to house collections would thereby transfer from the Metropolitan Police to Local Authorities. In view of the fact that the implementation date has been successively delayed, the Metropolitan Police have prepared the programme for the whole of 2003. The Council may sponsor a total of 8 organisations in their applications to the Police to hold street collections in the Borough. However, the Police have stated that if there are requests for more collections than the allotted 8, a small number of extra applications would be considered, provided they are within the local appeals periods and are sponsored by the Local Authority.

6.2 The Policy for the administration of street collections states that local organisations wishing to hold street collections in the Borough must supply details of the following:

- Previous flag days including:
- The amount collected on the last occasion that a flag day was held;
- The number of collectors used on that occasion;
- The purposes to which the money was applied;
- Whether the organisation receives income from other flag days (National or London-wide) and, if so, the amount.

6.3 In addition to the four applications approved last March, one application has now been received (Appendix 1) to hold a street collection between 27 September and 1 November 2003. Community Aid U.K. has never applied to hold a street collection before. The organisation aims to donate to hospitals and individuals requiring help toward special operations or special needs equipment.

7. **Consultation-** not applicable

8. **Finance Observations**

8.1 None

9. **Legal Observations**

9.1 None

10. **Conclusion**

10.1 This is the only application received in this period. If Members decide to sponsor Community Aid U.K. there will still be capacity to sponsor three more organisations during 2003.

11. **Background Papers** - none

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