

Meeting:	Grants Advisory Panel
Date:	9 th April 2008
Subject:	Street Collection Applications 2008
Responsible Officer:	Javed Khan
Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Anjana Patel
Exempt:	No
Enclosures:	Appendix 1 – Metropolitan Police London-wide street collections programme 2008 and explanatory notes. Appendix 2 – Street collection application from Harrow M.S. Therapy Centre Appendix 3 – Street collection application from Mencap Hillingdon North

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

This report sets out the current procedure for dealing with street collections in the Borough and presents two applications received for 2008.

Recommendations:

The Grants Advisory Panel is requested to recommend to the Portfolio Holder for Community and Cultural Services their consideration of the two applications received from organisations wishing to hold street collections in 2008, and their agreement to sponsor these applications to the Metropolitan Police on their chosen collection dates.

Reason: (For recommendation)

To enable each organisation to make a formal application to the Metropolitan Police in order to obtain a permit to collect on a specified date. These organisations will then be able to raise funds, which will allow them to continue to deliver services and improve the quality of life of their members and users.

Section 2 – Report

Background

According to the current rules governing street collections, every London Borough may sponsor a total of eight organisations in their applications to the Metropolitan Police to hold street collections in the Borough. An organisation may only hold one collection per year.

Organisations wishing to hold street collections in the Borough must supply details of the following:

Previous flag days;

The amount collected on the last occasion that a flag day was held;

The number of collectors used on that occasion;

The purpose to which the money was applied;

Whether the organisation receives income from other flag days (National or London-wide) and, if so, the amount.

Current situation

The London-wide programme prepared for 2008 by the Metropolitan Police is attached as Appendix 1. The following dates have been allocated by the Police for local appeals:

23-29 February

24-29 March

23-27 June

4-30 August

1-6 September

25-31 October

In addition to the local appeals periods, the Council is also able to sponsor a limited number of collections held during student Rag Weeks that fall outside of the local appeals periods.

Why a change is needed

No changes are required to this process.

Main options

Two out of a potential eight organisations have requested that the Council sponsor their applications to the Metropolitan Police to hold street collections in the Borough in 2008.

One application is from Harrow M.S. Therapy Centre requesting permission to hold a collection in Central Harrow, Pinner and possibly Stanmore on 6th September 2008.

The other application is from Mencap Hillingdon North requesting permission to hold a collection outside Marks and Spencer food store in Pinner on 9th or 16th August 2008. This location falls under Harrow Council public highway.

Other options considered

There are no other options to consider as the Council must comply with the current rules governing street collections.

Implications of the Recommendation

Resources, costs and risks associated with recommendations

There are no resources, risks or costs associated with these recommendations as the Council is only being asked to sponsor these applications. The organisations must make formal applications to the Metropolitan Police and will be expected to adhere to their rules and procedures.

Staffing/workforce

There are no staffing/workforce implications.

Equalities impact

The organisations applying for street collections provide valuable support and services to vulnerable people, including people with physical and learning disabilities and people suffering from terminal illness.

Legal comments

There are no legal implications.

Community safety

Within the Metropolitan Police District, street collection permits are issued by the Commissioner of Police. The rules governing their issue and the conduct of collections are contained in regulations by the Secretary of State, a copy of which is attached as Appendix 1. The regulations must be fully complied with by anyone promoting or taking part in a street collection. Failure to comply with the regulations is an offence, which may result in prosecution.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications.

Performance Issues

There are no direct performance issues.

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

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Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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Background Papers:

Appendix 1 – Metropolitan Police London-wide street collections programme 2007 and explanatory notes.

Appendix 2 – Street collection application from Harrow M.S. Therapy Centre

Appendix 3 – Street collection application from Mencap Hillingdon North

If appropriate, does the report include the following considerations?

1.	Consultation	NO
2.	Corporate Priorities	YES