

LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW

Agenda item:

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Meeting:	GRANTS ADVISORY PANEL
Date:	27 APRIL 2004
Subject:	STREET COLLECTION APPLICATIONS 2004
Key decision:	NO
Responsible Chief Officer:	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BUSINESS CONNECTIONS
Relevant Portfolio Holder:	PARTNERSHIP & PROPERTY
Status:	PART 1
Ward:	N / A
Enclosures:	APPENDIX A – LETTER & APPLICATION FROM HARROW MENCAP SEEKING TO CHANGE DATE OF COLLECTION APPENDIX B – APPLICATION FROM HARROW M S THERAPY CENTRE

1. Summary/ Reason for urgency (if applicable)

1.1 The report asks Members to consider the applications received from local charities wishing to be sponsored for a street collection permit in 2004.

2. Recommendations (for decision by Portfolio Holder)

- 2.1 That Members agree to change the date already allocated to Harrow MENCAP from 21-26 March 2004 to Friday 25th June 2004.
- 2.2 That Members agree to sponsor the application from Harrow M S Therapy Centre for a street collection on Saturday 4th September 2004.

REASON: To enable the two organisations to make a formal application to the Metropolitan Police in order to obtain a permit to collect on the dates specified in the applications before the Panel.

3. Consultation with Ward Councillors Not applicable.

4. Policy Context (including Relevant Previous Decisions)

- 4.1 Grants Advisory Panel 19th February 2004 – The Panel agreed to sponsor applications from the following organisations: Friends of Michael Sobell House, Harrow MENCAP and Barts & London Students' Association.

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 According to the current rules governing Street Collections, Harrow Council may sponsor a total of 8 organisations in their application to the Metropolitan Police to hold street collections in the Borough.
- 6.2 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.
- 6.3 The applications under consideration by the Panel fall within the local appeals periods determined by the Metropolitan Police.
- 6.4 Harrow MENCAP, already sponsored for street collections between 22 and 26 March 2004, wish to change the collection dates to Friday 25th June and Sunday 27th June 2004, because that week is National Learning Disability Week. **However, Members need to note that Sunday 27th June falls outside the local appeals periods and, therefore, the organisation could only be sponsored for Friday 25th June 2004.**
- 6.5 The application from Harrow M. S. Therapy Centre is for a street collection on Saturday 4th September 2004, which falls within the local appeals period. The organisation aims to provide treatment, advice, guidance, moral & practical support for persons suffering from Multiple Sclerosis; to provide support for carers, families and friends, and to bring together people with M S, and people interested in M S. All monies collected will go towards the running of the M S Therapy Centre, which is based in Harrow.

7. Consultation Not applicable

8. **Finance Observations**

8.1 No financial observations

9. **Legal Observations**

9.1 None

10. **Conclusion**

10.1 Members are requested to agree to sponsor Harrow MENCAP to collect on Friday 25th June, instead of 22nd- 26th June 2004, previously applied for and agreed by the Panel. Members are also asked to sponsor the application from the Harrow M S Therapy Centre to hold a street collection on Saturday 4th September 2004. As the above dates fall within the local appeals periods, and given that the Council can sponsor up to 8 organisations, Members are recommended to approve these applications.

11. **Background Papers**

11.1 None

12. **Author**

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