

Meeting:	Grants Advisory Panel
Date:	8 th June 2009
Subject:	Street Collections 2009
Key Decision: (Executive side only)	No
Responsible Officer:	Javed Khan – Director of Community & Cultural Services
Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Chris Mote – Community and Cultural Services
Exempt:	Yes - Appendices 2 & 3 to this report are exempt by virtue of Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that it contains information relating to an individual.
Enclosures:	<p>Appendix 1 – Metropolitan Police London-wide street collections programme 2009 and explanatory notes.</p> <p>Appendix 2 – Street collection application from Harrow M.S. Therapy Centre (Part 2);</p> <p>Appendix 3 – Street collection application from Mencap Hillingdon North (Part 2).</p>

SECTION 1 – SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This report sets out the current procedure for dealing with street collections in the Borough and presents two applications for sponsorship received for 2009.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Grants Advisory Panel is requested to recommend to the Portfolio Holder for Community and Cultural Services the sponsorship of two local organisations in their applications to the Metropolitan Police to hold street collections in the Borough in 2009.

REASON:

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 users.

SECTION 2 - REPORT

2.1 Introductory Paragraph

2.1.1 Currently the Metropolitan Police issues permits for all charity collections on public highway in the London area. For national or London-wide organisations permits are issued directly by the Metropolitan Police but individual boroughs are able to sponsor local organisations in their applications to the Metropolitan Police for collections in their own boroughs.

2.2 Brief Background

2.2.1 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.

2.2.2 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.

2.3 Current Situation

2.3.1 The London-wide programme prepared for 2009 by the Metropolitan Police is attached as Appendix 1. The following dates have been allocated by the Police for local appeals:

23-28 February
23-28 March
22-26 June
3-29 August (excluding Sundays)
31 August-5 September
22-30 October

2.3.2 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.

2.4 Options Considered

2.4.1 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 2009. These are listed below:

- Harrow M.S. Therapy Centre - requesting permission to hold a collection in Central Harrow, Pinner and possibly Stanmore on 29th September 2009.
- Mencap Hillingdon North - requesting permission to hold a collection outside Marks and Spencer food store in Pinner on 15th August 2009. This location falls under Harrow Council public highway.

2.5 Why a change is needed

2.5.1 Not Applicable.

Implications of the Recommendation

2.6 Staffing/workforce

2.6.1 There are no staffing/workforce implications for the Council related to this report.

2.7 Equalities Impact

2.7.1 The organisations applying for street collections, as listed in paragraph 2.4.1, provide valuable support and services to vulnerable people, including people with physical and learning disabilities and people suffering from terminal illness.

2.8 Legal Implications

2.8.1 There are no legal implications for the Council relating to this report.

2.9 Community Safety

2.9.1 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.

2.10 Financial Implications

2.10.1 There are no financial implications for the Council relating to this report.

2.11 Performance Issues

2.11.1 There are no direct performance issues.

2.12 Environmental Impact

2.12.1 There are no environmental implications associated with the proposed recommendation set out in this report.

2.13 Risk Management Implications

2.13.1 There are no known risk management implications for the Council relating to the sponsorship of organisations holding street collections in the Borough, as permits are issued by the Metropolitan Police.

Risk included on Directorate risk register? **No**

Separate risk register in place? **No**

SECTION 3 - STATUTORY OFFICER CLEARANCE

Name: Sheela Thakrar	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	on behalf of the Chief Financial Officer
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Section 4 – Performance Officer Clearance

Name: Tom Whiting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Divisional Director (Strategy and Improvement)
Date: 22 nd May 2009		

Section 5 – Environmental Impact Officer Clearance

Name: John Edwards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	on behalf of the* Divisional Director (Environmental Services)
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SECTION 6 - CONTACT DETAILS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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Background Papers:

Appendix 1 – Metropolitan Police London-wide street collections programme 2009 and explanatory notes.

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

Appendix 3 – Street collection application from Mencap Hillingdon North (Part 2)