

*Background Papers, if any, are specified at the end of the Report*

## CHARITABLE STREET COLLECTIONS

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### RECOMMENDATIONS

**That Members consider the Charitable Street Collections Policy.**

### Report

- 1 The Police, Factories, etc. (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1916 as amended by the Local Government Act 1972 and Charities Act 2006 authorizes local authorities to regulate collections with respects to the places where and the conditions under which persons may be permitted in any street or public place to collect money or sell articles for the benefit of charitable or other purposes.
- 2 At the meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> February 2010, the Licensing and Regulation Committee approved amendments to the *Regulations made by Chiltern District Council with regard to Street Collections 1981* to comply with the Provision of Services Regulations 2009, which aimed to open up the European internal market to cross-border trade. The implications were to lift restrictions as to when and where charitable collections could take place unless there was an overriding reason of public interest. At the time of writing, there were no overriding reasons to maintain the restrictions and so the Regulations were amended.
- 3 However the implication has been that streets have had collectors from a number of charitable organisations collecting at the same time creating a degree of conflict for the public in terms of interference and annoyance and the charities in terms of reduced charitable donations. As a result the Licensing Team has received complaints and it was considered that there existed an overriding reason of public interest to impose some form of restriction.
- 4 A review of the Regulations provided flexibility to amend the process requirements and to restrict the times and areas in which charitable street collections could take place. Guidance for applicants and enforcement officers has been developed to incorporate such restrictions and a consultation with all interested parties has been undertaken.
- 5 A table summarising the responses is detailed in **Appendix 1** and the amended Street Collection Guidance is presented in **Appendix 2**.

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