

		<b>Regulatory Committee</b>  <b>17<sup>th</sup> December 2012</b>	<b>Agenda Item No.</b>
<b>Title</b>		Street Collection Permits	
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<b>Service Area</b>		Community Protection	
<b>Wards of the District directly affected</b>		None	
<b>Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006</b>		<b>No</b>	
<b>Date and meeting when issue was last considered and relevant minute number</b>		N/A	
<b>Background Papers</b>		None	

<b>Contrary to the policy framework:</b>	No
<b>Contrary to the budgetary framework:</b>	No
<b>Key Decision?</b>	No
<b>Included within the Forward Plan? (If yes include reference number)</b>	No

<b>Officer/Councillor Approval</b>		
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<b>Officer Approval</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>
Relevant Director	19/11/2012	Roger Jewsbury
Chief Executive		
CMT		
Section 151 Officer		
Legal		
Finance		
Portfolio Holder(s)	19/11/2012	Councillor Coker
<b>Consultation Undertaken</b>		
None		
<b>Final Decision?</b>		Yes
<b>Suggested next steps (if not final decision please set out below)</b>		

## 1. **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 Charities who collect money in the street within this district require the authority of a Street Collection Permit (SCP) issued by this authority.

## 2. **RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 That Members examine the current numbers of permits issued and the methodology in doing so and either:
- (1) Leave the current numbers and December collections as they currently exist; or
  - (2) Continue to permit the three charities that collect in December mentioned in the report below as they do currently and permit another charity to collect in the same area on the same day during that month; or
  - (3) Restrict the three charities to just one collection per year per area the same as all of the other charities; or
  - (4) Restrict the three charities to just one collection per year per area the same as all of the other charities, but permit them, in December only, to collect on one Saturday and one weekday in the other three weeks.

## 3. **REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 Currently, Warwick District Council issues 33 SCPs for Leamington Spa, 30 SCPs for Kenilworth and 30 SCPs for Warwick to charities who submit a form requesting to carry out a street collection. There is no fee for the permit. No more than one collection is permitted in each area on the same day. Each charity is permitted one collection per year, per area. This applies to cash collections only, not direct debit collectors (Chuggers).
- 3.2 The legislation covering the application for and the issuing of SCPs is the Police, Factories etc (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1916 s.5, as amended by section 251 and Schedule 29 to the Local Government Act 1972. This legislation does not include the licensing of 'Chuggers'
- 3.3 It appears that, historically, the Salvation Army, Warwick and District Round Table and the 4<sup>th</sup> Kenilworth Scout Group have been granted special dispensation to make a number of collections in December each year. Officers do not have a record of the reasons for this being so.
- 3.4 This year, the Salvation Army has collections on Saturdays the 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> December in Leamington Spa (counted as one permit), the Warwick and District Round Table has collections every day from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup> December in Warwick (counted as one permit) and the 4<sup>th</sup> Leamington Scout Group has collections on Saturdays the 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> December (counted as one permit) in Kenilworth.
- 3.5 As December is clearly a good month for charities to carry out collections, and as only one charity is permitted each day, it appears that WDC is currently being a little biased towards certain charities.

## **ALTERNATIVE OPTION CONSIDERED**

- 4.1 Not to change the SCP system

5. **BUDGETARY FRAMEWORK**

5.1 This report has no budgetary considerations for the Council.

6. **POLICY FRAMEWORK**

6.1 None

7. **BACKGROUND**

7.1 None.