

## **REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL SERVICES**

### **REGULATORY COMMITTEE – 11 MAY 2009**

#### **POLICE, FACTORIES ETC. (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1916**

#### **POLICY WITH REGARD TO COLLECTIONS IN THE VICINITY OF THE STADIUM OF LIGHT AND CONCERTS**

##### **1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 To request Members to consider an allocation process for collections within the vicinity of the Stadium of Light on the days that high profile non-football events such as concerts are taking place.

##### **2.0 DESCRIPTION OF DECISION (RECOMMENDATION)**

- 2.1 The Committee is recommended to give consideration to the adoption of an allocation process for collections within the vicinity of the Stadium of Light on the days that high profile non-football events such as concerts are taking place and agree to the procedure detailed in the report. The Committee is also recommended to agree to a time limit being attached to any permit granted.

##### **3.0 INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 At its meeting on 5 June 2006, the Regulatory Committee resolved to adopt an allocation process for street collection permits in the vicinity of the Stadium of Light for match days due to the demand for these permits outweighing the number able to be allocated.
- 3.2 In June 2009 there are three planned concert events taking place at the Stadium of Light and the Licensing Section have received a number of enquiries from persons wanting to apply for a street collection permit on these days. It is proposed that a similar allocation process be used to that used when allocating permits for match days.

##### **4.0 CURRENT POSITION**

- 4.1 In order to grant a collection permit to organisations for the three dates, it is proposed that fully completed applications received before Monday 1 June 2009 are placed in a draw. The draw, to be made by the Chair of the Regulatory Committee, would allocate each concert date to an organisation at the meeting of the Regulatory Committee on Monday 1 June 2009. A Police background check will be made on all applicants before the day of the Committee and the Regulatory Committee will be advised of any Police objections to be considered when making the draw.
- 4.2 It is also proposed that any permits granted to applicants are subject to a condition limiting the time of the day that the collection may take place. It is proposed that the permits be granted for a time period on the day from 16:00 until 20:00 hours.

4.3 The Traffic Section of Development and Regeneration have been consulted on this proposal and have provided the following comments:-

"I can confirm that the Traffic Section has no objection to street collections taking place in the streets in the vicinity of the Stadium of Light, providing the collections are carried out on foot and no vehicles are involved."

4.4 The Development Manager of Development and Regeneration has been consulted on this proposal and has not raised any objections.

4.5 Northumbria Police have also been consulted on this proposal and have not raised any objections.

## **5.0 REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

5.1 To ensure only one street collection per event occurs in order to avoid confusion on the part of concert-goers and to provide fairness.

## **6.0 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

6.1 None submitted.

## **7.0 RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS**

7.1 None.

## **8.0 GLOSSARY**

8.1 No acronyms or abbreviations have been used in this report.

## **9.0 LIST OF APPENDICES**

9.1 None.

## **10.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

10.1 None.