REPORT TO: ENVIRONMENTAL AND AGENDA ITEM: 6

**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES** 

COMMITTEE

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REPORT FROM: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OPEN

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SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF CHARITABLE REF:

**COLLECTIONS POLICY** 

WARD(S) TERMS OF

AFFECTED: ALL REFERENCE: EDS13

## 1. Recommendations

1.1 That Members note the consultations received in relation to the Charitable Collections Policy at Appendix 1.

1.2 That Members approve the Charitable Collections Policy at Appendix 2 of this report relating to street collections and house to house collections to come into effect upon adoption by full Council.

## 2. Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To provide Members with the outcome of a consultation with interested parties.
- 2.2 To provide Members with the necessary information to be able to give full consideration to the recommendations contained in paragraph 1 of this report.

### 3. Detail

- 3.1 House to house collections are governed by the House to House Collections Act 1939. Any house to house collection held for charitable purposes requires a permit to be issued by the Licensing Authority.
- 3.2 Street collections are governed by the Police, Factories, Etc (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1916 and requires a permit to be in place issued by the Licensing Authority for any charitable collection held in any street or public place.
- 3.3 A high volume of applications for both street collections and house to house collections are received by the Licensing Department each year. The majority of applications for a house to house collection request a permit to be issued for one year. There are currently no controls in place to manage the number of permits issued by the Licensing Department. In order to assist in the administration of the permits, a Charitable Collections Policy has been drafted which aims to safeguard

the interests of public donors and charities to ensure that the number of collections are controlled.

#### Consultation

- 3.4 Officers conducted a 8 weeks consultation exercise on the draft Policy with all persons who have been granted a permit previously, relevant organisations and members of the public via the Council's website.
- 3.7 Five responses were received during the consultation period. The response from Trading Standards confirmed they have no suggested amendments or additions to the Policy. A summary of the points raised in relation to other responses received can be found at **Appendix 1.** The amended draft Policy is attached as **Appendix 2.**

# 4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications to the Council.
- 4.2 Recommendation 1.2 will have no financial implications on existing licence holders.

# 5. <u>Corporate Implications</u>

5.1 These proposals will provide a clear framework for anyone applying for a permit which will contribute directly to the corporate vision to make South Derbyshire a better place to live, work, and visit, and to the theme of sustainable growth and opportunity.