BASSETLAW DISTRICT COUNCIL

DELEGATED OFFICER DECISION

NB Officers taking delegated decisions must ensure that they are fully conversant with the conditions applicable to the exercise of delegated powers by officers and in particular that the decisions are in accordance with the Council's policies, powers and financial regulations.

Details of such conditions are to be found in the Council’s Constitution and in cases of any doubt advice must be sought from the Council’s Financial and/or Legal officers.

DELEGATED POWERS REFERENCE

Council Policy: Finance Sub-Committee 10th June, 1992, Minute No. 6 refers (now Licensing Committee).

Street Collections/Flag days be authorised to take place on Saturdays only, collections on other days of the week be authorised only in exceptional circumstances and in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of this Sub-Committee.

IS THE DECISION CONFIDENTIAL? NO

OFFICERS ADVICE:

To consider an application for a Street Collection Permit from Mr Ben Martin, Interim Head of Fundraising Operations-Poppy Appeal, The Poppy Appeal, Royal British Legion Village, Aylesford, Kent, ME20 7NX, to raise funds on behalf of The Poppy Appeal, which is an annual event held throughout the Country. The British Legion Poppy Appeal has, in the past, requested a House to House Collection Permission covering a two week period within October/November to incorporate Armistice Day, which is held on the 11th November each year, and for three consecutive Saturdays in October/November of each year for Street Collections to be held in both Worksop and Retford. Remembrance Sunday Service will take place on Sunday 10th November, 2019, this year. The District Council has accommodated these requests in the past.

This year the British Legion Poppy Appeal requested their collection period from Saturday 26th October to Saturday 9th November, 2019, for the House to House Collection Permission and to incorporate three consecutive Saturdays; 26th October, Saturday 2nd November and Saturday 9th November, 2019, which have been granted.

The District Council has received a further request to consider granting an extension to the Street Collection Permit period to incorporate the midweek days covering the dates Sunday 27th October 2019 to Friday 8th November 2019 to enable them to collect within Worksop and Retford Town Centres, should they have the volunteers to be available, during this period. A similar request was submitted in 2018 by the Royal British Legion and was subsequently granted by Delegated Decision.

The Royal British Legion provides financial, social and emotional support to millions who have served, and are currently serving in the Armed Forces, and their dependents. The help provided covers a huge range of issues including counselling, job retraining, skills assessment, getting the right pensions and benefits, money and career advice, welfare grants, pilgrimages to war graves, convalescent and nursing care, and home and hospital visits.
The Royal British Legion are known for their role as the nation’s custodian of Remembrance and for the Poppy Appeal that they organise annually. They work to provide financial, social and emotional support to nearly 9.5 million people eligible for support and receive over 150,000 calls for help each year. The Royal British Legion needs £1.7 million per week to sustain its welfare activities and, if granted, these additional dates would help to achieve their targets.

**IMPLICATIONS:**

a) **For Service Users**

   None.

b) **Strategic & Policy**

   None.

c) **Financial - Ref: 20/389**

   No fee is payable in respect of a Street Collection Permit.

d) **Legal - Ref: 63/07/2019**

   Section 5 of the Police, Factories, etc (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1916 as amended by Section 21 and Schedule 29 to the Local Government Act 1972, gives the Council the power to make regulations relating to where street collections may take place and apply condition to this.

   The legislation specifies the regulations shall relate to the collection of money, or the sale of articles for the benefit of a charitable or other purpose

e) **Human Resources**

   None.

f) **Community Safety, Equal Opportunity & Environmental**

   The Licensing Officer, Amanda Webster, has liaised with John Simmonds, Worksop Market Assistant, regarding this request who has confirmed there are no objections to the Street Collection taking place on behalf of the Royal British Legion, in Worksop and Retford Town Centres between Saturday 26th October and Saturday 9th November, 2019.

**OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

This is an annual campaign appeal organised by the British Legion Poppy Appeal to raise funds countywide on an annual basis. There are no other charitable collections authorised to take place during this period.

**DECISION (With Reasons):**

To authorise an extension to the Street Collection previously granted to incorporate the period Saturday 26th October to Saturday 9th November 2019 inclusive. Street Collection Permits have previously been granted midweek to various charitable organisations to coincide with specific events, in this particular instance, Remembrance Day and the Poppy Appeal.
BACKGROUND PAPERS:

Copies of Street Collection Permit No.0271 dated the 17th May, 2019, and House to House Licence No. HH138 dated the 17th May, 2019.

SIGNATURE OF DECISION MAKER

Chairman of Licensing Committee

Vice-Chairman of Licensing Committee

Council Solicitor

DATE

4th July 2019

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