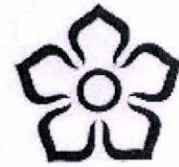


Regeneration & Culture

member briefing



Leicester
City Council

Date: 29 October 2014
To: Cllr S Russell
Cc: Mike Broster, Head of Licensing & Parking
From: Rachel Hall, Licensing Team Manager
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RE: Charitable door to door collections

Background

The Licensing & Public Safety Committee considered a report on charitable door to door collections on 11 September 2014. A copy of the report is attached at Appendix A, which gives background information on this issue.

The report concerned the percentage of the proceeds from charitable door to door collections that must be used for charitable purposes, in order to be licensed by Leicester City Council. The current policy is for zero deductions, but the Cabinet Office has indicated that this is not reasonable. It is likely that any appeal by an applicant against refusal for this reason will be successful.

Licensing & Public Safety Committee resolution

Having considered the revised guidance from the Cabinet Office, the Committee resolved:

That the Assistant City Mayor - Neighbourhood Services, be recommended to amend the Council's licensing policy for charitable door to door collections to consider each application on its merits and that a guideline figure of 75% of the proceeds being used for charitable purposes, as this was considered appropriate and proportionate in the circumstances.

Decision required

Please consider item (1) above and decide whether Leicester City Council's policy should be amended as recommended by the Committee.