

**Update re Licensing and Appeals Committee meeting held on 9 February 2015 -
Annual Report in respect of Street Collection Permits.**

- 1. Number of street collections that had not submitted a return for 2014 collections - discrepancies between the figures shown in the report and those shown in the Appendices –**
 - a. The report stated that no return had been submitted for 38% of collections (64 out of 168) undertaken in 2014. This was an officer error; the actual figure was 49% (82 out of 168). This is a slight improvement of the previous year's figure of 55% (99 out of 179).
 - b. A further ten returns have subsequently been received so the figure is now 43% (72 out of 168).
 - c. Out of these 72 non-returns, 35 of the promoters were directly employed by the charities; the charities were therefore collecting on their own behalf. While this may go some way to explaining why these particular charities did not see the need to submit a statement of return, it is still a breach of the regulations. Procedures have therefore been tightened up so that in those cases where the charity is collecting on its own behalf, a permit will not be granted until returns have been received for all previous collections, regardless of the individual promoter.

- 2. Street collection permit issued to an individual who had previously failed to submit a return –**
 - a. The application for a permit was for a collection on 18/01/2015 which was before the deadline for submitting the return from the previous collection.
 - b. The charity in question was Key 103 Cash for Kids; the promoter is employed by the charity as a fundraising manager. As this is a reputable Manchester based organisation it was considered reasonable to grant a permit on the understanding that the outstanding return would be received in due course.
 - c. Key 103 has subsequently confirmed that they did not collect cash but instead collected toys for the 'Mission Christmas' appeal. A street collection permit is only required to collect money or to sell articles for the benefit of charitable or other purposes, so the permit granted was not required and therefore a return need not be submitted.
 - d. A statement of return for the collection on 18/01/2015 was received on 27/02/2015.