

**TO: LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE
18 OCTOBER 2018**

**FACE TO FACE DIRECT DEBIT COLLECTIONS – SITE AGREEMENT
Public Protection Manager**

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report seeks approval of a revised version of the agreement held with the Institute of Fundraising ('IoF') which controls face to face direct debit collections in the street in Bracknell Forest.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the IoF site agreement at Annex A is approved as the document governing face-to-face direct debit collections within the borough carried out by members of the IoF.**

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 3.1 This agreement allows the Council a degree of control over these types of collections. Without the agreement, the Council would have no power to control the number or location of such collections.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 The Committee may wish to suggest further amendments to the proposed site agreement which would be referred back to the IoF for consideration.

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 5.1 The collection of direct debit mandates 'face to face' in the street does not require any formal authorisation from the Council as the Police, Factories etc (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1916 only provides for the collection of money or sale of goods for charitable purposes. A direct debit mandate has no particular worth at the point of collection, as it is simply a promise to make payment by issuing an order to a bank or building society.
- 5.2 The LGA recommends voluntary site management agreements as an effective solution for those that want to have "more control over face to face fundraising", because they bring together IoF's expertise in controlling fundraising and councils' knowledge of local conditions.
- 5.3 The existing agreement was approved by this committee on 10 October 2013 and was subsequently amended in January 2017 to reflect the merge of the Institute of Fundraising and the Public Fundraising Regulatory Association.
- 5.4 The following amendments is proposed to the agreement:
- (i) Update Bracknell's 'nominated gatekeeper' under section 4
 - (ii) Update to Bracknell site area under section 3.1, and the plan under Appendix 1 of the agreement, to reflect changes in the town centre.

6 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS

Borough Solicitor

6.1 There are no implications arising from the recommendation in this report.

Borough Treasurer

6.2 There are no significant financial implications arising from the recommendation in this report.

Equalities Impact Assessment

6.3 There are no implications arising from the recommendation in this report.

Strategic Risk Management Issues

6.4 There are no implications arising from the recommendation in this report.

7 CONSULTATION

Principal Groups Consulted

7.1 None

Method of Consultation

7.2 None

Representations Received

7.3 Not applicable

Background Papers

None

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