

Report to Licensing Committee

Report Reference: LCS-003-2014/15

Date of meeting: 8 October 2014



**Epping Forest
District Council**

Subject: Road Closures - Waiver of Fee for Charitable Events not from Town or Parish Councils.

Responsible Officer: Jim Nolan (01992 564083).

Democratic Services: Gary Woodhall (01992 564470).

Decision Required:

(1) To consider waiver of fees for Charitable events not run by the Town & Parish Councils.

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1. The Town & Police Clauses Act 1847 Act gives Local Authorities powers for preventing obstruction of the streets in times of public procession, rejoicing, or illuminations, and in any case when the streets are thronged or liable to be obstructed by substantial numbers of people, on foot or in a vehicle, participating as spectators or otherwise in the occasion. These powers have been interpreted to include making a temporary road closure although not all orders under this power need take the form of a closure. This Act can be used for commercial and non-commercial events.

Reasons for Proposed Decision

At the meeting of Full Council on the 29 July 2014, Members decided that the District Council would waive the fee for road closure applications for Town & Parish Councils if they could demonstrate that the closure is for a charitable event. Subsequently the question was posed as to whether this applied to other applicants that were able to demonstrate that their event was for a charitable purpose.

It was agreed that the decision should be considered again by the Licensing Committee.

Other Options for Action:

Not to waive the fee for other applicants.

Resource Implications:

No fee for processing the application.

Legal and Governance Implications:

None.

Safer, Cleaner and Greener Implications:

None.

Consultation Undertaken:

None.

Background Papers:

None.

Risk Management:

None.