

Licensing Committee – 3rd February 2009

4. **Public Fundraising Regulatory Association Update**

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Purpose of the Report

To provide answers to the questions raised by the Licensing Committee over PFRA.

Recommendation

- (1) That the committee consider the contents of this report, and comment on the proposed joint working partnership between the PFRA and SSDC, prior to a further report to District Executive on 5th March 2009.

Background

At the meeting of the Licensing Committee on 2nd December 2008, the following questions were raised with regards to the report on the Public Funding Regulatory Association (copy attached at Appendix 4):

- (i) The number of applications received and dealt with by Yeovil Town Council in the last 3 years
- (ii) Evidence of an authorised enforcement officer at Yeovil Town
- (iii) Further clarification from other authorities and Town Centre Managers in respect of their experience with the PFRA
- (iv) Number of complaints received by YTC and SSDC and action taken
- (v) Evidence of problems experienced in other towns within South Somerset District
- (vi) Copy of the Enforcement Code of Conduct used by YTC, if any.

Responses to questions raised

The number of applications received and dealt with by Yeovil Town Council in the last 3 years.

This is dealt with by the letter from Yeovil Town Council as attached at Appendix 1.

Evidence of an authorised enforcement officer at Yeovil Town

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Further clarification from other authorities and Town Centre Managers in respect of their experience with the PFRA

The e-mails requesting information and the responses received as attached at Appendix 2.

Number of complaints received by YTC and SSDC and action taken

YTC have detailed this in their letter. The number of complaints received by SSDC is illustrated in the table below.

	2006	2007	2008
House to House	2	2	0
Street Collections	1	2	0
House to House reviews	12	14	18

Evidence of problems experienced in other towns within South Somerset District.

Attached to the report at Appendix 3 are a newspaper report regarding "Chuggers" and e-mail correspondence from Chard Town Council confirming the charity collection issues in the town.

Copy of the Enforcement Code of Conduct used by YTC, if any.

This is dealt with by the letter from Yeovil Town Council as attached at Appendix 1. Legal Services have confirmed that in November 2003, the necessary amendments were made to the Street Trading Delegation Agreement to enable the Town Council to implement the Street Canvassers Consent Scheme.

Financial Implications

No further financial implications other than those raised in the originating report attached at Appendix 4.

Implications for Corporate Priorities

No further implications for corporate priorities other than those raised in the originating report.

Other Implications

None.

Background Papers: *Letter from Yeovil Town Council dated 15th January 2009 at Appendix 1*
Various e mails from and to Town Managers as attached at Appendix 2