

(03) This Council views with concern the introduction of charges by North Yorkshire Police in connection with the policing of charitable non-profit making events within our local communities.

These charges appear to have been introduced without consultation under the powers contained in Section 25 of the Police Act 1996.

This Council believes that the police withdrawal from active assistance to local communities in respect of organisational advice, provision of road signs, barriers etc will have a detrimental effect on both community relations and social cohesion.

This Council believes that this action will also place an additional burden on both Harrogate Borough Council and the North Yorkshire County Council and therefore calls upon the North Yorkshire Police to provide 100% abatement of such charges for charitable and non-commercial events.

Proposed: Councillor Bill Hout

Seconded: Councillor Christine Willoughby

The Mayor ruled that in accordance with Standing Order 10(6)(a) this motion stood referred to the Cabinet Member for Cultural Services.