REPORT TO: FINANCE COMMITTEE – 12 FEBRUARY 2007

REPORT ON: RELIEF OF RATES - CHARITY RELIEF

REPORT BY: DEPUTE CHIEF EXECUTIVE (FINANCE)

REPORT NO: 105 -2007

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to seek authorisation from the Committee to grant Charity Relief on Non-Domestic properties in respect of the applications attached.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

That the Council agrees to grant Remission of Rates as detailed on the attached report.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This Council directly incurs the cost of 25% of the amount granted as Discretionary Relief apart from that which is granted to Sports Clubs which is 100% funded from the Non-Domestic Rates pool.

4.0 SUSTAINABILITY POLICY IMPLICATIONS

None

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

None

6.0 MAIN TEXT

The Council agreed to accept Report 149/1996 in respect of the granting of Charity Relief on Non-Domestic property. The Council also agreed to accept report 117/2004 which amended the policy with regard to sports clubs. This report makes recommendations based on the Council's agreed policy.

7.0 CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive and Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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Depute Chief Executive (Finance)

Date: 26 January 2007

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SUBJECT: RELIEF OF RATES

APPLICANT	SUBJECTS	UNIFIED BUSINESS RATE PAYABLE £	REMARKS	RECOMMENDATION	ANNUAL COST TO COUNCIL £
The Salvation Army North Scotland Division Deer Road Aberdeen AB24 2BL	Office Burnside Mill Milne's East Wynd DUNDEE DD1 5BA	3404.53 (26/09/06 – 31/03/07)	Caring for people in need, providing social welfare through homelessness and elderly care.	Grant 80% Mandatory Relief and 20% Discretionary Relief.	170.23
Showcase The Street Per Fergus Storier 40 Glamis Road DUNDEE DD2 1TU	Dance Hall 42 Brown Street DUNDEE DD1 5DT	4433.41 (01/09/06 – 31/03/07)	To promote, maintain, improve and advance the education of children, young people and adults by encouraging the arts of drama, dance, music, singing, literature and visual arts.	Grant 80% Mandatory Relief and 20% Discretionary Relief.	221.67
Hillcrest Housing Association Ltd 4 South Ward Road DUNDEE DD1 1PN	Workshop North Tay Complex Unit P Balfield Road DUNDEE DD3 6AG	1152.50 (01.04.05 – 31.03.06) 179.46 (01/02/05 – 31/03/05)	To provide affordable housing, support and care services to improve quality of life. The property concerned is a workshop running a small construction training programme with local building contractors.	Grant 80% Mandatory Relief and 20% Discretionary Relief	

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Citizens Advice Bureau 60 Craigmount Road DUNDEE DD2 4QF	Shop 60 Craigmount Road DUNDEE DD2 4QF	804.44 (15/09/06 – 31/03/07)	To promote any charitable purposes for the benefit of the community in Dundee and surrounding areas by the advancement of education, health, relief of poverty, sickness and distress	Although the property description is Shop it is used as an office. Grant 80% Mandatory Relief and 20% Discretionary Relief	40.22