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REPORT TO: POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 24 APRIL 2017

REPORT ON: RELIEF OF RATES - CHARITY RELIEF

REPORT BY: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

REPORT NO: 139-2017

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to seek approval from Committee on the requests received for Charity Relief on Non-Domestic properties in respect of the applications outlined in appendix 1.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee agrees to recommendation as outlined in appendix 1. This report makes recommendations based on the Council's agreed policies.

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 MAIN TEXT

The Council's policy on granting Charity Relief on Non-Domestic properties have been set and amended in line with the reports noted below:-

- Article II of the Minute of Meeting of the Finance Committee of 10th June 1996. Report No 149-1996 refers.
- Article IV of the Minute of Meeting of the **Finance** Committee of 9th February 2004. Report no 117-2004 refers.
- Article II of the Minute of Meeting of the **Finance** committee of 14th August 2006. Report no 468-2006 refers.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti Poverty, Risk Management and Equality Impact Assessment. The Equality Impact Assessment carried out. Article IV of the Minute of Meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee of 13th September, 2010, Report No 433-2010 refers.

6.0 CONSULTATION

The Council Management team were consulted in the preparation of this report.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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Executive Director of Corporate Services

Date:

<u>APPENDIX 1</u>

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

REPORT BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

SUBJECT: RELIEF OF RATES

		UNIFIED BUSINESS RATE PAYABLE			ANNUAL COST TO COUNCIL
APPLICANT	SUBJECTS	£	REMARKS	RECOMMENDATION	£
Dundee The Caring City Block 31, Broomhill Road, Dundee, DD2 3QN	Warehouse Block 31, Broomhill Road, Dundee, DD2 3QN	44,209.88 (01.08.16-07.11.16)	Dundee the Caring City was awarded 100% rates relief (previous report 12-Dec-2016) With effect from 08-Nov-2016 only, however their lease and occupation commenced 01-Aug-2016. Providing support to groups and organisations and assisting with relief. Other charities and social enterprises occupy the premises.	Grant 80% Mandatory Relief and 20% Discretionary Relief	
Hope United Church 98 Orbiston Street, Motherwell, ML1 1PX	Store 1a Old Mill Complex, Brown Street, Dundee, DD1 5EG	2097.00 (01.04.17-31.03.18) 2,202.20 (01.04.16-31.03.17)	The principal object of the charity is to present the gospel of Jesus Christ by bringing men women and children together through church services. Premises are being used to hold church meetings.	Grant 80% Mandatory Relief and 20% Discretionary Relief	104.85

Transform Community Development Transform House, 95 Douglas Street, Dundee, DD1 5AZ	Warehouse (Uf), 3C Brunel Road, Dundee, DD2 4TG	1,472.16 (01.04.16-31.05.16)	Meeting the needs of vulnerable people. Providing a range of services from housing and support. Assisting people to become more able to cope with challenges they face. Property was used to store 2 nd hand furniture	Grant 80% Mandatory Relief and 20% Discretionary Relief	73.61
Dundee and Angus Adhd Support Group 162 Albert Street, Dundee, DD4 6QW	Shop 162 Albert Street, Dundee, DD45QW	1584.40 (01.04.17-31.03.18) 493.28 (28.11.16-31.03.17)	To provide advice and support around ADHD to parents/carers and professionals.	Grant 80% Mandatory Relief and 20% Discretionary Relief	79.22
The Wise Group 72 Charlotte Street, Glasgow, G1 5DQ	Office 3/E, 1 Courthouse Square, Dundee, DD1 1NH	9,879.20 (01.04.17-31.03.18) 11,180.40 (01.04.16-31.03.17) 4,998.69 (19.10.15-31.03.16)	Changing lives through social enterprise by providing employment opportunities, rehabilitation of ex-offenders and improving fuel poverty	Grant 80% Mandatory Relief and 20% Discretionary Relief	493.96
Victim Support Scotland 2/E, 1 Courthouse Square, Dundee, DD1 1NH	Office 2/E, 1 Courthouse Square, Dundee, DD1 1NH	9,925.80 (01.04.17-31.03.18) 11,325.60 (01.04.16-31.03.17)	To provide practical and emotional support for victims and witnesses of crime. Premises used for administration and to provide victim support	Grant 80% Mandatory Relief and 20% Discretionary Relief	496.29