

REPORT TO: POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 27 April 2015

REPORT ON: RELIEF OF RATES - CHARITY RELIEF

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

REPORT NO: 160 - 2015

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 Council agrees to recommendations 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 Policy and Resources Committee of 9th February 2004. Report no 117-2004 refers.
- Article II of the Minute of Meeting of the Policy and Resources 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 has been 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 Chief Executive and the Head of Democratic Legal Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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APPENDIX 1

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REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

SUBJECT: RELIEF OF RATES

APPLICANT	SUBJECTS	UNIFIED BUSINESS RATE PAYABLE £	REMARKS	RECOMMENDATION	ANNUAL COST TO COUNCIL £
Dundee and Angus College Finance Department, Kingsway Campus, Old Glamis Road, Dundee, DD3 8LE	Shop Unit 18 Level 2, The Wellgate, Dundee, DD1 2DB	3,059.82 06.10.14-09.01.15	The property was used to sell fashion clothes and gifts by retail students studying NQ Advanced Enterprise in Business programme. The shop was opened for 6 weeks and provided a realistic retailing environment giving the students invaluable experience. Proceeds from the sale were reinvested in the curriculum.	Grant 80% Mandatory Relief	
Signpost International Ltd Signpost Centre, Lothian Crescent, Dundee, DD4 0HU	Child & Family Centre East End Of, Lothian Crescent, Dundee, DD4 0HU	9,098.95 (05.09.14-31.03.15)	Provides relief to persons living in sustained or chronic deprivation	Grant 80% Mandatory Relief and 20% Discretionary Relief	454.95
Transform Community Development Transform House, 95 Douglas Street, Dundee, DD1 5AZ	Shop 97 Commercial Street, Dundee, DD1 2AF	14,171.06 (01.06.14 – 31.03.15)	Meeting the needs of vulnerable people. Providing a range of services from advice and accommodation to employment. Premises are used to sell re-used furniture	Grant 80% Mandatory Relief	

The Salvation Army 31 Ward Road, Dundee, DD1 1NG	Warehouse & Office Manhattan Works, Unit 9B Dundonald Street, Dundee, DD3 7PY	6,051.77 (08.04.14-31.03.15)	Premises are being used to store donated furniture which is then distributed free of charge to service users when moving to new homes.	Grant 80% Mandatory Relief and 20% Discretionary Relief	302.59
Leisure & Culture Dundee, Level 3, Central Library The Wellgate, Dundee, DD1 1DB	Leisure Centre Grove Academy, 24 Claypotts Road, Broughty Ferry, Dundee, DD5 1BW	130,890.90 (01.04.13-31.03.14)	The operation, management and development of galleries, museums, libraries, indoor and outdoor sports and leisure facilities. Valuation Roll entry backdated to 01.04.13	Grant 80% Mandatory Relief and 20% Discretionary Relief	6544.55
Leisure & Culture Dundee, Level 3, Central Library The Wellgate, Dundee, DD1 1DBv	Leisure Centre, St Pauls Rc Academy, 90 Gillburn Road, Dundee, DD3 0EH	108,706.80 (01.04.13-31.03.14)	The operation, management and development of galleries, museums, libraries, indoor and outdoor sports and leisure facilities. Valuation Roll entry backdated to 01.04.13	Grant 80% Mandatory Relief and 20% Discretionary Relief	5435.34
NeoN (North East of North) Ltd 13 Main Street, Glamis	Office Unit 05, Vision at Seabraes, 20 Greenmarket, Dundee, DD1 4QB	7,430.06 (01.12.14-31.03.15)	To enhance digital art, encouraging people to make use of their ideas, making films, electronics, etc. holding exhibitions, festivals, presentations and workshops.	Grant 80% Mandatory Relief and 20% Discretionary Relief	371.50