

REPORT TO: POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 20 AUGUST 2012
REPORT ON: RELIEF OF RATES - CHARITY RELIEF
REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES
REPORT NO: 299-2012

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 RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council agrees to grant Remission of Rates as detailed on the attached report. 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 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. The Council also agreed to accept report 468-2006 which amended the policy with regard to charity shops.

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 which was carried out for Report No 433-2010 in September 2010 fully addresses the proposals in this report and is available on the Council's Website <http://www.dundee.gov.uk/equanddiv/dequimpact/>.

6.0 CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive and Head of Democratic and Legal Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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SUBJECT: RELIEF OF RATES

APPLICANT	SUBJECTS	UNIFIED BUSINESS RATE PAYABLE £	REMARKS	RECOMMENDATION	ANNUAL COST TO COUNCIL £
Cats Protection 102 Foundry Lane Dundee DD4 6AY	Office 8 Main Street Dundee DD3 7EZ	2430.00 (01.04.12-31.03.13) 2300.40 (01.04.11-31.03.12) 1457.17 (02.08.10-31.03.11)	To prevent and relieve the suffering and distress of cats and to advance the welfare of cats.	Grant 80% Mandatory Relief and 20% Discretionary Relief and back date to 2 Aug 2010	121.50
The Prince's Trust 18 Park Square East London NW1 4LH	Training Centre 1B Kemback Street Dundee DD4 6ET	14040.00 (01.04.12-31.03.13)	To provide support and assistance to disadvantage young people	Grant 80% Mandatory Relief and 20% Discretionary Relief	702.00
Nesta 1 Plough Place London EC4A 1DE	Laboratory Unit 08, Dundee Uni Technopole, James Lindsay Place, Dundee DD1 5JJ	3465.00 (01.04.12-31.03.13)	study of innovation by the promotion of research	Grant 80% Mandatory Relief and 20% Discretionary Relief	173.25

The Clean Close Company Limited Unit 04 Alexander St Ind Est, Alexander Street,Dundee,DD3 7DE	Warehouse Unit 04 Alexander St Ind Est, Alexander Street,Dundee,DD3 7DE	2205.00 (01.04.12-31.03.13) 1129.25 (16.09.11-31.03.12)	A social enterprise set up as part of Dundee City Council Regeneration Programme. To improve residents quality of life, provide job opportunities and training to local people. Not a registered charity	Grant 100% Discretionary Relief	551.25
National Children's Home & Orphanage (Scotland) Suite G8, City Park, 368 Alexandria Parade, Glasgow, G31 3AU	Office 40A Arthurstone Terrace, Dundee, DD4 6QT	3414.08 (14.05.12-31.03.13)	To provide support to the most vulnerable and neglected children and young people.	Grant 80% Mandatory Relief and 20% Discretionary Relief	170.70
Heart Space Dundee Finlay Wilson 11 Scott Street Dundee DD2 2AH	Leisure Centre 11 Scott Street Dundee DD2 2AH	7842.21 (02.07.12-31.03.13)	To provide Yoga and wellbeing classes of all levels and styles to individuals and groups. To increase the level of participation in physical exercise through Yoga, recognised by Sports Scotland	Grant 80% Mandatory Relief and 20% Discretionary Relief	392.11
		2642.79 (01.04.12-01.07.12) 5288.34 (19.09.11-31.03.12)	----- Heart Space became a registered charity with effect from 02.07.12. They would also like to apply for discretionary relief for the period of occupation prior to receiving charitable status	Grant 100% Discretionary Relief	660.70