

REPORT TO: POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 19 AUGUST 2013
REPORT ON: RELIEF OF RATES - CHARITY RELIEF
REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES
REPORT NO: 321-2013

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 carried out for report number 433-2010 in September 2010 fully addresses the proposals in this report.

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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SUBJECT: RELIEF OF RATES

APPLICANT	SUBJECTS	UNIFIED BUSINESS RATE PAYABLE £	REMARKS	RECOMMENDATION	ANNUAL COST TO COUNCIL £
Wooden Spoon Catering Ltd Unit 1, 5 Coldside Road, Dundee, DD3 8DF	<i>Warehouse Unit 1, 5 Coldside Road, Dundee, DD3 8DF</i>	3,915.45 (01.04.13-31.03.14) 323.91 (01.03.13-31.03.13)	Working to meet the aims of the charity – Dundee International Women's Centre Wooden Spoon Catering is a social enterprise employing women from social disadvantaged communities. The premises are being used as a production kitchen providing foods for buffets, catering and event management.	Grant 100% Discretionary Relief This company has since ceased trading as they are unable to meet their debts	783.09
Wooden Spoon Catering Ltd Unit 1, 5 Coldside Road, Dundee, DD3 8DF	Shop 38 Castle Street, Dundee DD1 3AQ	3395.70 (01.04.13-31.03.14) 2346.97 (04.05.12-31.03.13)	This is run as a deli business and is in direct competition with similar businesses in the surrounding area.	Refuse relief	

Children of Songea Trust Per Joyce Mathers, Grange Cottage, Dronley Road, Backmuir of Liff, By Dundee, DD2 5QR	Shop 109-111 High Street, Lochee, Dundee, DD2 3TX	1459.45 (01.06.13-30.06.13)	To alleviate suffering of children and families within the Songea District of United Republic of Tanzania. The property is being used to sell 100% donated goods (furniture, electrical goods, books, dvds, etc)	Recommend 80% Mandatory Relief only	
Neon (North East Of North) Ltd Chamber Of Commerce Buildings, 2ND FLOOR Panmure Street, Dundee, DD1 1DN	Office Chamber Of Commerce Buildings, 2ND FLOOR Panmure Street, Dundee, DD1 1DN	6930.00 (01.04.13-31.03.14)	To advance the understanding and accessibility of digital and technology driven art forms	Recommend 80% Mandatory Relief and 20% Discretionary Relief	346.50