

REPORT TO: POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 9 Feb 2015
REPORT ON: RELIEF OF RATES - CHARITY RELIEF
REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES
REPORT NO: 47 - 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 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 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.

Appendix 1 includes a recommendation for refusal of an application for relief which has been submitted to the Council from the Scottish Police Federation for Office premises at Unit 29, City Quay, Camperdown Street, Dundee.

The period in question is from 10 Nov 2014 and the rates charge amounts to £3,848.01 for period ending 31 March 2015. The organisation is responsible for the welfare of police officers. The Federation negotiates pay, conditions and pensions, provides legal advice and assistance and also represents police officers in many different areas. The premises are being used as an admin office and meeting place. The Federation is not a registered charity therefore does not qualify for 80% mandatory relief.

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. There are no major issues.

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.

Marjory Stewart
Director of Corporate Services

Date:

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APPLICANT	SUBJECTS	UNIFIED BUSINESS RATE PAYABLE £	REMARKS	RECOMMENDATION	ANNUAL COST TO COUNCIL £
Dundee Museum of Transport James McDonell, 94A Arbroath Road, Dundee	Market Mews, Unit 10, Market Street, Dundee, DD1 3LA	14,601.00 (01.04.14-31.03.15) 4,747.84 (01.12.13-31.03.14)	To promote the development of a transport museum for the city of Dundee	Grant 80% Mandatory Relief and 20% Discretionary Relief	730.05
Showcase The Street, Fergus Storrier, 17 Fithie Bank, Dundee, DD5 3FP	Units 06 & 07 Manhattan Works, Dundonald Street, Dundee, DD3 7PY	25,671.45 (01.08.14-31.03.15)	To provide access to the arts and other activities to young people particularly those in deprived areas. The leisure centre is to be used for sports and arts	Grant 80% Mandatory Relief and 20% Discretionary Relief	1283.57
Home in Scotland Ltd Home Group Ltd, 2nd Floor, 2 Gosforth Parkway Business Park, Newcastle Upon Tyne , NE12 8ET	River Court, 5 West Victoria Dock Road, Dundee, DD1 3JT	16,881.36 (12.09.14-31.03.15)	To provide housing, accommodation and assistance to help house people. Office premises for staff	Grant 80% Mandatory Relief and 20% Discretionary Relief	844.07

University of Dundee Estates Director, Estates and Buildings, Nethergate, Dundee, DD1 4HN	Office University Precinct, Balfour Street, Dundee DD1 4HN	4729.61 (06.08.14-31.03.15)	To provide higher education. Office premises are being used as an enquiry centre for students	Grant 80% Mandatory Relief	
Maxwelltown Information Centre Urban Project Murray Webster	Gardens 26/34 North Wellington Street, Dundee, DD3 7EP	2,014.75 (01.04.14-31.03.15)	The organisation is dedicated to helping people across Dundee City improving their conditions of life. The gardens are being used for community farming and gardening. Thereby educating people regarding environment and healthy living initiatives to name but a few.	Grant 80% Mandatory Relief and 20% Discretionary Relief	100.74
Disabled & Carers Information Centre Association, Pauline Rice, Floors 1,2 & 3, 132-134 Seagate, Dundee, DD1 2HB	Office Floors 1,2 & 3, 132-134 Seagate, Dundee, DD1 2HB	34,775.31 (15.09.14-31.03.15)	To provide a range of information and support services to carers and disabled people.	Grant 80% Mandatory Relief and 20% Discretionary Relief	1738.77
The Factory VI Limited 15 Balunie Drive, Dundee, DD4 8PS, Alec Macaulay	Day Nursery 99 Camperdown Road, Dundee, DD3 8RF	3,708.25 (19.12.14-31.03.15)	Run as a social enterprise to provide children with healthy diverse activities and to provide work and training opportunities	Grant 80% Mandatory Relief and 20% Discretionary Relief	185.41

<p>“ “</p> <p>Leisure & Culture Dundee, Stewart Murdoch, Dundee House, Floor 5, 50 North Lindsay Street, Dundee, DD1 1LS</p> <p>Scottish Police Federation, Unit 29, City Quay, Camperdown Street, Dundee, DD1 3JA, David Hamilton</p>	<p>Activities Centre 99 Camperdown Road, Dundee, DD3 8RF</p> <p>Ice Rink Kingsway Leisure Park, 7 Dayton Drive, Dundee, DD2 3SQ</p> <p>Office Unit 29, City Quay, Camperdown Street, Dundee, DD1 3JA</p>	<p>3,422.17 (20.12.14-31.03.15)</p> <p>48,585.60 (01.04.14 to 31.03.15)</p> <p>3,848.01 (10.11.14 to 31.03.15)</p>	<p>“ “ “</p> <p>To advance public participation in sport. To provide and organise recreational facilities and activities with the object of improving conditions of life for the public at large.</p> <p>See Main Text 4.0</p>	<p>Grant 80% Mandatory Relief and 20% Discretionary Relief</p> <p>Grant 80% Mandatory Relief. Premises are licensed.</p> <p>Refuse Relief</p>	<p>171.11</p>
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