

**REPORT TO: POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 31 OCTOBER 2011**

**REPORT ON: RELIEF OF RATES - CHARITY RELIEF**

**REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF FINANCE**

**REPORT NO: 483-2011**

#### **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 Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

#### **7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None

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Date:

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**SUBJECT: RELIEF OF RATES**

APPLICANT	SUBJECTS	UNIFIED BUSINESS RATE PAYABLE  £	REMARKS	RECOMMENDATION	ANNUAL COST TO COUNCIL  £
W.A.S.P.S. Ltd The Briggait, 141 Bridgewater, Glasgow, G1 5HZ	Office Meadow Mill West Henderson's Wynd Dundee, DD1 5BY	848.22 (01.07.11-31.03.12)	To promote, maintain, improve and advance public education and interest in the Arts by establishing Studio and Workshop facilities for artists in Scotland	Grant 80% Mandatory Relief and 20% Discretionary Relief	42.41
Nilupul Foundation 11 The Square Letham, Angus, DD8 2PZ	Meeting Room 51 Reform Street,Dundee,DD1 1SL	2851.06 (01.09.11-31.03.12)	Providing health and well being services to the local community. A meeting place for the local Buddhist community and a small cafe/shop	Grant 80% Mandatory Relief	
Tin Roof C/O Thornton's Whitehall House 33 Yeaman Shore Dundee, DD1 4DJ	Warehouse 38-40 Bellfield Street, Dundee, DD1 5JA	2215.20 (01.04.11-31.03.12)  701.60 (01.12.10-31.03.11)	Providing support for graduate and emerging artists in Dundee. Premises being used as a workshop and for storage. 50% Small Business Bonus Relief has already been applied.	Grant 100% Discretionary Relief	553.80