

**REPORT TO: POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 13 DECEMBER 2010**

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

**REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF FINANCE**

**REPORT NO: 697-2010**

#### **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  £
Claverhouse Group, Towngate Business Centre, 4-6 Staffa Place, Dundee, DD2 3SX	Office, Towngate Business Centre, S10, 4-6 Staffa Place, Dundee, ] DD2 3SX	2482.70 (01.04.10-31.03.11)  396.53 (01.02.10-31.03.10)	To provide training, support and advice to unemployed adults, creating employment opportunities through social enterprise and providing benefits to the community. The property is currently being used for a project to protect the declining bee population.	Grant 80% Mandatory Relief and 20% Discretionary Relief	124.13
Transform Community Development, Unit 1, Block 22, Kilspindie Road, Dunsinane Industrial Estate, Dundee, DD2 3JP	Office 1/2 & 1/3, 6 Whitehall Crescent, Dundee, DD1 4AR	2148.74 (09.08.10-31.03.11)	Giving support to vulnerable people through accommodation, support, advice and assistance.	Grant 80% Mandatory Relief and 20% Discretionary Relief	107.44
Dundee Westfest, Per Alexander Greenhorn, 1 Blackness Avenue Dundee DD2 1ER	Shop 93 Perth Road, Dundee, DD1 4HZ	1150.53 (28.05.10-31.03.11)	The aims are to organise an annual festival in Dundee's West End that celebrates the area's diverse arts, heritage, culture and scientific resources. Premises are being used as a meeting place and also for sale of arts & crafts produced by local artists and crafts people.	Grant 80% Mandatory Relief only	

Helm Training Limited, Per Peter Friend, Sea Captain's House, 48 St Andrew's Lane, Dundee,DD1 2EX	Workshop Unit 11, Mid Wynd, Dundee, DD1 4JG	718.49 (12.07.10-31.03.11)	To promote the welfare and advance education and skills of people impaired by disablement or by lack of education. Premises are being used as a learning centre	Grant 80% Mandatory Relief and 20% Discretionary Relief	35.92
Amina Mwrc, Per Smina Akhtar, Unit Mf6a, Old Mill Complex, Brown Street, Dundee, DD1 5EG	Office Unit Mf6a, Old Mill Complex, Brown Street, Dundee, DD1 5EG	1119.25 (01.04.10-31.03.11)	To provide support to Muslim women and girls resident in Scotland.	Grant 80% Mandatory Relief and 20% Discretionary Relief	55.96
Cair Scotland The Cairn Centre, 12 Rattray Street, Dundee, DD1 1NA	Office 2nd Floor, The Cairn Centre, 12 Rattray Street, Dundee, DD1 1NA	1960.74 (22.05.10-31.03.11)	To provide support and resources to those adults and young people who are isolated from mainstream services, either by choice or circumstances.	Grant 80% Mandatory Relief and 20% Discretionary Relief	98.03