

**REPORT TO: POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE -**  
**REPORT ON: RELIEF OF RATES - CHARITY RELIEF**  
**REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES**  
**REPORT NO: 186-2013**

#### **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 is attached to this Report.

#### **6.0 CONSULTATION**

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

#### **7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None

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Date: 12 April 2013

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**POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES**

**SUBJECT: RELIEF OF RATES**

| APPLICANT   | SUBJECTS   | UNIFIED<br>BUSINESS RATE<br>PAYABLE<br><br>£                            | REMARKS   | RECOMMENDATION  | ANNUAL COST<br>TO COUNCIL<br>£ |
|---|--|---|---|---|--------------------------------|
| British Heart<br>Foundation<br>Christopher Besant<br>Warwick House, 1<br>Claremont Lane,<br>Esher Surrey, KT10<br>9DP | Shop<br>202 Brook Street,<br>Broughty Ferry, Dundee<br>DD5 2AH | 6488.88<br>(08.08.12-31.03.13)<br><br>9424.80<br>((01.04.13-31.03.14)   | The shop is being used to sell<br>donated goods to raise funds for<br>heart research  | Grant 80% Mandatory<br>Relief                                 | 150.15                         |
| Couple Counselling<br>(Tayside) Ltd<br>Alison Murray<br>3/2, 30 Whitehall<br>Street, Dundee, DD1<br>4AF               | Office<br>3/2, 30 Whitehall Street,<br>Dundee, DD1 4AF         | 1033.77<br>(01.11.12-31.03.13)<br><br>3003.00<br>(01.04.13-31.03.14)    | To provide a counselling service<br>throughout Angus, Dundee and<br>Perth for those in marriage or<br>personal relationships  | Grant 80% Mandatory<br>Relief and 20%<br>Discretionary Relief |                                |
| Al-Maktoum<br>Foundation<br>A G Abubaker, 124<br>Blackness Road,<br>Dundee DD1 5PE                                    | School<br>St Joseph's, Bellfield<br>Street, Dundee DD1<br>5HX  | 10,856.86<br>(01.11.12-31.03.13)<br><br>26988.30<br>(01.04.13-31.03.14) | To promote equality of<br>opportunity and good race,<br>religious and cultural relations.<br>The premises are being used for<br>educational and cultural<br>purposes. | Grant 80% Mandatory<br>Relief                                 |                                |

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| <p>Shelter – The National Campaign for Homeless People Ltd<br/>88 Old Street,<br/>London, EC1V 9HU</p> | <p>Shop<br/>215 Brook Street,<br/>Broughty Ferry, Dundee,<br/>DD5 2AG</p> | <p>1893.70<br/>(11.01.13-31.03.13)<br/><br/>8870.40<br/>(01.04.13-31.03.14)</p> | <p>Campaigning for homeless people. Property being used as a charity shop selling donated goods.</p> | <p>Grant 80% Mandatory Relief</p> |  |
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**DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL**

Equality and Diversity Rapid Impact Assessment

Part 1

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| <b>Date</b> 6 August 2010  | <b>Title</b> COMMITTEE REPORT - RELIEF OF RATES - CHARITY RELIEF  |
| Is this a new document?      Yes   | Is this an existing document under review? No   |
| Please list any existing documents which have been used to inform this Equality and Diversity Impact Assessment. | Report 149/1996 in respect of the granting of Charity Relief on Non-Domestic property. Report 117/2004 which amended the policy with regard to sports clubs. Report 468-2006 which amended the policy with regard to charity shops.           |
| What is the description of the policy, procedure or strategy?  | 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.  |
| What is the intended outcome of this policy, procedure or strategy?  | That the Council agrees to grant Remission of Rates and 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. |

Part 2

Which groups of the population will be positively or negatively affected by this policy, procedure or strategy?

|   | Positively | Negatively | No Impact | Not Known |
|---|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Ethnic Minority Communities including Gypsies and Travellers</b> |            |            | X         |           |
| <b>Gender including transgender people</b>                          |            |            | X         |           |
| <b>Religion or Belief</b>   |            |            | X         |           |
| <b>People with a disability</b>                                     |            |            | X         |           |
| <b>Age</b>  |            |            | X         |           |
| <b>Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual</b>                                    |            |            | X         |           |
| <b>Socio-economic</b>   |            |            | X         |           |
| <b>Other (please state)</b>   |            |            | X         |           |

Part 3

Equality and Diversity Rapid Impact Assessment

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| <p>a) <b>Have any positive impacts been identified?</b></p> <p><i>We must ensure at this stage that we are not achieving equality for one strand of equality at the expense of another.</i></p>   | <p><b>If yes please give further details</b></p> <p>N/A</p>  |
| <p>b) <b>Have any negative impacts been identified?</b></p> <p><i>Based on direct knowledge, published research, community involvement, customer feedback etc</i></p> <p><i>If unsure seek advice.</i></p>                                | <p><b>If yes please give further details</b></p> <p>N/A</p>  |
| <p>c) <b>What action is proposed to overcome any negative impacts?</b></p> <p><i>If you identify a negative impact that cannot be eliminated by amending or replacing the policy it would then be necessary to seek legal advice.</i></p> | <p><b>Please give details</b></p> <p>N/A</p>   |
| <p>d) <b>Consultation or involvement which has informed this assessment.</b></p>  | <p>None as this Report will have no policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty and Equality Impact Assessment.</p> |
| <p>e) <b>Is there a need to collect further evidence?</b></p>   | <p><b>Not at this time.</b></p>  |
| <p>f) <b>How will the policy be monitored ?</b></p>   | <p><b>If there are any future changes to this policy or further reports a new EIA will be carried out.</b></p>   |

Part 4

Department

**Finance**

**Type of Document**

|                                      |                         |
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| <b>Human Resource Policy</b>         |                         |
| <b>General Policy</b>                |                         |
| <b>Strategy/Service</b>              |                         |
| <b>Change Papers/Local Procedure</b> |                         |
| <b>Guidelines and Protocols</b>      |                         |
| <b>Other</b>                         | <b>Committee Report</b> |

Date of next review

**5 years unless report changes. If changes are to be made another EIA will require to be done.**