REPORT TO: POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 13 August 2007

REPORT ON: RELIEF OF RATES - CHARITY RELIEF

REPORT BY: DEPUTE CHIEF EXECUTIVE (FINANCE)

REPORT NO: 412 - 2007

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 RECOMMENDATION

That the Council agrees to grant Remission of Rates as detailed on the attached report.

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 SUSTAINABILITY POLICY IMPLICATIONS

None

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

None

6.0 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. This report makes recommendations based on the Council's agreed policy.

7.0 CONSULTATION

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

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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Depute Chief Executive (Finance) Date: 27 July 2007

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		UNIFIED BUSINESS RATE PAYABLE			ANNUAL COST TO COUNCIL
APPLICANT	SUBJECTS	£	REMARKS	RECOMMENDATION	£
Scottish Bluebells Cheerleaders Per Morag Brannan 10 Knapdale Place Dundee DD4 0SL	Hall 69a Victoria Street Dundee DD4 6EG	1199.74 (01/02/06 - 31/03/06) 5881.90 (01/04/06 - 31/03/07) 5777.10 (01/04/07 - 30/06/07)	The object of the club is to foster and promote the sport of cheerleading for recreating and competition. Open to all age groups and gender. The club aims to provide a safe environment for the members.	Grant 100% Discretionary Relief	0.00
Tayside Sea Kayak Club Per Thomas Scott South Tullyfergus Farm, By Alyth, Blairgowrie, PH11 8JZ	Store 1 Castle Approach Broughty Ferry Dundee DD5 2TF	765.10 (01/04/06 - 31/03/07) 827.77 (01/04/07 - 31/03/08)	To promote the sport of sea kayacking. Persons to be over the age of 18 years for membership.	Grant 100% Discretionary Relief	0.00
Sense Scotland 43 Middlesex Street Kinning Park Glasgow G41 1EE	Resources Centre Hillview Reid Square Dundee DD3 6RP	2993.54 (26/10/06) - 31/03/07) 6835.40 (01/04/07 - 31/03/08)	To provide services to people with multiple sensory impairment.	Grant 80% Mandatory Relief and 20% Discretionary Relief	341.77

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		UNIFIED BUSINESS RATE			
		PAYABLE			ANNUAL COST
		FATABLE			TO COUNCIL
APPLICANT	SUBJECTS	£	REMARKS	RECOMMENDATION	£
Cair Scotland	Hall	2741.43	To provide support and	Grant 80% Mandatory	
12 Rattray Street	12 Rattray Street	(21/05/07 - 31/03/08)	resources to people who misuse	Relief and 20%	137.07
Dundee	Dundee		drugs/alcohol. The premises	Discretionary Relief.	
DD1 1NA	DD1 1NA		are to be used for rehabilitation work with substance misusers.		
DEBRA Debra National Shops Office Rex House 103 Bothwell Road	Shop 79 Murraygate Dundee DD1 2EA	4832.33 (01/03/07 - 31/03/07) 55766.40 (01/04/07 - 31/03/08)	To promote research into finding a cure for Epidermolysis Bulossa and other related medical conditions.	Grant 80% Mandatory Relief	
Hamilton ML2 0DW					
St Peter & Paul Amateur Football Club Per E Mitchell 51 Brougham Gardens Dundee DD4 6TN	Changing Rooms 445 Strathmartine Road Dundee DD3 9DQ	551.25 (01/06/07 - 31/03/08	To foster and develop the game of amateur football.	Grant 100% Discretionary Relief	

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W.A.S.P.S. Ltd 77 Hanson Street Glasgow G31 2HF	2nd & 3rd Floor Meadow Mill West Hendersons Wynd Dundee DD1 5BY	424.00 (01/04/07 - 31/03/08)	To promote, maintain, improve and advance public education in the Arts. Establishing studio and workshop facilities for artists in Scotland	Already receiving 80% Mandatory relief. Grant an additional 20% Discretionary Relief.	106.00
Diocese of Brechin Per Allan Duffus 32 Pitcairn Drive Balmullo Fife	Office Unit 14 Prospect III Gemini Crescent Dundee DD2 1TY	827.39 (16/08/07 - 31/03/07) 1300.95 (01/04/07 - 31/03/08)	To provide spiritual, clerical and financial support to the Charges throughout the Diocese, the administering of Provincial grants, mission work and the development of training.	Grant 80% Mandatory Relief and 20% Discretionary Relief	65.05
British Heart Foundation Crown House Church Road Claygate Esher Surrey KT10 0BF	Shop 93/95 High Street Lochee Dundee DD2 3BX	5391.72 (08/07/07 - 31/03/08)	To raise funds for cardovascular research.	Grant 80% Mandatory Relief only	0.00

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APPLICANT	SUBJECTS	UNIFIED BUSINESS RATE PAYABLE £	REMARKS	RECOMMENDATION	ANNUAL COST TO COUNCIL £
				Per new policy implemented 16 October 2006 Report No 564-2006 consideration will now be given to granting 20% Discretionary relief to charity shops.	0.00
Society of St Vincent De Paul Per Patricia McGoldrick 9 McDonald Street Dundee DD3 7BD	Shop 71 Hilltown Dundee DD3 7AD	191.25 (16/10/06 - 31/03/07) 410.57 (01/04/07 - 31/03/08)	Give aid to the poor and needy.	80% Mandatory Relief was granted at Committee Meeting 9 June 2003 - report no. 399-2003. Recommend additional 20% Discretionary Relief to be granted wef 16 October 2006.	102.64
Dundee Voluntary Action Ltd 10 Constitution Road Dundee DD1 1LL	Shop 179 Albert Street Dundee DD4 6PX	195.16 (16/10/06 - 31/03/07) 418.95 (01/04/07 - 31/03/08)	To provide any charitable purposes for the benefit of the inhabitants of Dundee.	80% Mandatory Relief was granted on report no. 253-2005. Recommend additional 20% Discretionary Relief to be granted wef 16 October 2006.	104.74

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Brittle Bone Society	Shop 112 City Road Dundee DD2 2PW	160.80 (16/10/06 - 31/03/07) 361.13 (01/04/07 - 31/03/08)	Providing support to people with Osteogenesis imperfecta.	80% Mandatory Relief has been granted prior to 1995. Recommend additional 20% Discretionary relief to be granted wef 16 October 2006.	90.28
Brittle Bone Society	Shop 120 City Road Dundee DD2 2PW	99.04 (16/10/06 - 31/03/07) 201.39 (01/04/07 - 31/03/08)	As above.	80% Mandatory Relief has been granted since 1 April 1996. Recommend additional 20% Discretionary Relief to be granted wef 16 October 2006.	50.35
Lookin Good/Aline Project Per Mrs Pat Wilson 36 Kirkton Place Dundee DD3 0BU	Shop 21/23 Haldane Crescent Dundee DD3 0JH	157.93 (16/10/06 - 31/03/07) 303.56 (01/04/07 - 31/03/08)	To relieve poverty and hardship.	80% Mandatory Relief was granted on Report no. 468-2006. Recommend additional 20% Discretionary Relief to be granted wef 16 October 2006.	75.89