

**REPORT TO: POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 28 OCTOBER, 2013**

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

**REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES**

**REPORT NO: 417-2013**

#### **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 carried out for report number 433-2010 in September 2010 fully addresses the proposals in this report.

#### **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

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**SUBJECT: RELIEF OF RATES**

APPLICANT	SUBJECTS	UNIFIED BUSINESS RATE PAYABLE  £	REMARKS	RECOMMENDATION	ANNUAL COST TO COUNCIL £
S.C.A.R.F. 1 Cotton Street, Aberdeen, AB11 5EE	Resources Centre Sun City Demonstration House, Whitfield Drive, Dundee, DD4 0DP	3,742.20 (01.04.13-31.03.14)	To alleviate fuel poverty through the provision of impartial advice and information on energy efficiency, create sustainable employment and training opportunities.	Grant 80% Mandatory Relief and 20% Discretionary Relief	187.11
Tayside Foundation for the Conservation of Resources Per Shiona Baird	Warehouse Unit 9, 77 Douglas Street, Dundee, DD1 5AN	2,725.80 (01.04.13-31.03.14)  1,323.86 (01.10.12-31.03.13)	To advance the education of people in matters relating to ecology and the natural environment, waste reduction, recycling and renewable energies. Premises are to be used to provide workshops and training opportunities using items diverted from landfill	Grant 80% Mandatory Relief and 20% Discretionary Relief	136.29
Gowrie Care Ltd 1 Explorer Road Dundee	Office 7-11 Arbroath Road, Broughty Ferry, Dundee	4,019.40 (01.04.13-31.03.14)  1,351.48 (26.11.12-31.03.13)	Providing support to adults with learning disabilities. Office premises for staff	Grant 80% Mandatory Relief and 20% Discretionary Relief	200.97

Barnardos Scottish Headquarters, 235 Corstorphine Road, Edinburgh, EH12 7AR	Office Tayside Software Centre, UNIT C Gemini Crescent, Dundee Technology Park, Dundee, DD2 1TY	1,084.50 (09.09.13-31.03.14)	Providing support for vulnerable children across the UK. Office premises are to be used for the delivery of fostering services.	Grant 80% Mandatory Relief and 20% Discretionary Relief	54.22
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