

Subject: Discretionary Rate Relief

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Date: 21 March 2007

Report of: Head of Customer Services and E-Government

Portfolio

Holder: Community and Partnerships

Key Decision:

No

Forward Plan General Exception Special Urgency

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The purpose of the report is for members to approve the award of Discretionary Relief against National Non-Domestic Rates (NNDR) to various charitable organisations.

2. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

2.1 The matters discussed in this report are linked to, and support, the following corporate priorities:

- *Delivering Quality Services to Customers (Customers, Improvement)*

3. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS

3.1 There are no specific risk issues for members to consider arising from this report.

4. BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS

4.1 In each of the cases listed in appendix 1 discretionary relief has been granted which covers 80% of the charge for NNDR. The Council may then award a discretionary 'top-up' to cover some or all of the remaining 20%. In these circumstances, where a top-up of discretionary relief is awarded, it is funded 75% by the local authority and 25% from the central government NNDR pool.

4.2 The Head of Financial Services (s151 Officer) has delegated authority to approve discretionary rate relief up to the value of £2000. The cases listed in appendix 1 have a value in excess of £2000 and therefore Member approval is required.

5. COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

5.1 The financial implications of approval are included in the 2007/08 budget

6. COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

6.1 There are no immediate legal implications arising from this Report

7. COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF HUMAN RESOURCES

7.1 There are no human resources implications

8. CONCLUSION

8.1 The cases listed have previously received financial support from the Council and recent applications have been submitted in order that any material changes in circumstances may be identified.

9. RECOMMENDATION

9.1 It is recommended that discretionary rate relief is awarded as outlined in appendix 1, the total sum to be awarded being £14,122.53

10. CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

10.1 By individual application from the institutions

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No background papers