REPORT TO: POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 23 MARCH 2009

REPORT ON: RELIEF OF RATES - CHARITY RELIEF

REPORT BY: DEPUTE CHIEF EXECUTIVE (FINANCE)

REPORT NO: 174-2009

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. 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 and Equality Impact Assessment.

There are no major issues.

6.0 CONSULTATIONS

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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Depute Chief Executive (Finance)	Date:

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SUBJECT: RELIEF OF RATES

APPLICANT	SUBJECTS	UNIFIED BUSINESS RATE PAYABLE £	REMARKS	RECOMMENDATION	ANNUAL COST TO COUNCIL £
Craigowl Communities 2 Victoria Road DUNDEE DD1 1JJ	Office 2 Victoria Road DUNDEE DD1 1JJ	1975.67 (01.05.08 - 31.03.09)	To provide and assist in the provision of vocational training, education and guidance services to employed and unemployed persons in the interest of social welfare.	Grant 80% Mandatory Relief and 20% Discretionary Relief	98.78
Transform Furniture Limited 1 Guthrie Street DUNDEE DD1 5DY	Retail Warehouse 1 Guthrie Street DUNDEE DD1 5DY	10259.20 (01.04.08 - 31.03.09) 2213.19 (10.01.08 - 31.03.08)	Premises are being used as a retail unit selling all types of domestic furniture and white goods to low income households in Dundee including people moving on from temporary homeless accommodation. In addition the project aims to provide employment for people who have been long term unemployed.	Grant 80% Mandatory and 20% Discretionary Relief	512.96
Bield Housing Association Limited 79 Hopetoun Street Edinburgh EH7 4QF	Office 1 Rockwell Gardens DUNDEE DD3 6TN	1488.50 (01.04.08 - 31.03.09) 1433.25 (01.04.07 - 31.03.08)	To provide high quality houses and services to older people.	Grant 80% Mandatory and 20% Discretionary Relief	74.42

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Bield Housing Association Limited 79 Hopetoun Street Edinburgh EH7 4QF	Office 25 Rockwell Gardens DUNDEE DD3 6TN	1282.40 (01.04.08 - 31.03.09) 1234.80 (01.04.07 - 31.03.08)	To provide high quality houses and services to older people.	Grant 80% Mandatory and 20% Discretionary Relief	64.12
Carolina House Trust FAO - Financial Controller, 23 Roseangle, Dundee DD1 4LS	Warehouse & Office Bowbridge Works Units 4/5, Thistle Street DUNDEE DD3 7HR	979.87 (15.11.08 - 31.03.09)	The provision of care services to vulnerable young people with complex needs	Grant 80% Mandatory and 20% Discretionary Relief	48.99
Central Baptist Church The Treasurer Church Office 9a Ward Road DUNDEE DD1 1LP	Warehouse South Ward Road DUNDEE DD1 1PL	1640.27 (22.04.08 - 31.03.09)	To join together in Christian worship and fellowship and to engage in the propagation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ both locally and beyond. Premises are to be used temporarily to carry out church activities ie Sunday school, bible class whilst permanent church hall is being rebuilt.	Grant 80% Mandatory and 20% Discretionary Relief	82.01
Downfield Musical Society 27-29 Guthrie Street DUNDEE	Warehouse 38/40 Bellfield Street DUNDEE DD1 5JA	1818.95 (08.08.08- 31.03.09)	The study and performance of operatic and musical works.	Grant 80% Mandatory and 20% Discretionary Relief	90.95

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Carr Gomm Scotland per Fiona Buchan 11 Harewood Road EDINBURGH EH16 4NT	Office Unit 6a City Quay Camperdown Street DUNDEE DD1 3HX	2277.45 (01.12.08 - 31.03.09)	To provide relief and support in the community to people experiencing disability, distress or ill-health	Grant 80% Mandatory and 20% Discretionary Relief	113.87
Carr Gomm Scotland per Fiona Buchan 11 Harewood Road EDINBURGH EH16 4NT	Office G/1, 4 Rosefield Street DUNDEE DD1 5PP	549.60 (01.04.08 - 31.03.09) 254.48 (08.10.07 - 31.03.08)	To provide relief and support in the community to people experiencing disability, distress or ill-health	Grant 80% Mandatory and 20% Discretionary Relief	27.48
Ardler Village Trust Company 197 Turnberry Avenue DUNDEE DD2 3WN	Shop 197 Turnberry Avenue DUNDEE DD2 3WN	1981.95 (01.08.08 - 31.03.09)	To relief poverty and advance citizenship to the residents of Ardler area. Shop being used for sale of second hand goods.	Grant 80% Mandatory and 20% Discretionary Relief	99.10
Dundee Repertory Theatre Ltd 2 Tay Square DUNDEE DD1 1PB	Depot Unit 3 Edison Place Dryburgh Industrial Estate DUNDEE DD2 3QU	7161.24 (27.08.08 - 31.03.09)	To encourage the participation of the citizens of Dundee in activities of the theatre. Property being used as a store	Grant 80% Mandatory and 20% Discretionary Relief	358.06
Claverhouse Group Towngate Business Centre 4-6 Staffa Place DUNDEE DD2 3SX	Shop 7 Victoria Road DUNDEE DD1 1ER	2752.39 (08.09.08 - 31.03.09)	To create employment opportunities for long term unemployed people. Shop being used for selling second hand bikes and electrical goods	Grant 80% Mandatory	