REPORT TO: POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 10 FEBRUARY 2014

REPORT ON: RELIEF OF RATES - CHARITY RELIEF

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

**REPORT NO:** 49-2014

## 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.

Date:

#### 7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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Director of Corporate Services	

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# **SUBJECT:** RELIEF OF RATES

APPLICANT	SUBJECTS	UNIFIED BUSINESS RATE PAYABLE £	REMARKS	RECOMMENDATION	ANNUAL COST TO COUNCIL £
Bield Housing Association Ltd Per Andy Magee, Craighall Business Park, 7 Eagle Street, Glasgow, G4 9XA	Office 22 Balgowan Court, 11 Balgowan Drive, Dundee, DD3 0HZ	778.44 (29.07.13-31.03.14)	Providing quality housing and services for older people in Scotland. Office premises are for staff providing a care service	Grant 80% Mandatory Relief and 20% Discretionary Relief	38.92
The Clean Close Company Limited 12 Mains Loan, Dundee, DD4 7AA	Factory Blk 1 (3), Pearce Avenue, West Pitkerro Industrial Est, Dundee, DD5 3RX	14,069.61 (11.07.13-31.03.14)	A social enterprise operating a "not for profit" organisation. Providing a service mainly to welfare dependant residents in the city.	Grant 100% Discretionary Relief	3,517.40
Dundee and Angus College Per Finance And Resources Manager, Dundee College (Finance Department), Kingsway Campus, Old Glamis Road, Dundee, DD3 8LE	Shop Unit 18 Level 2, The Wellgate, Dundee, DD1 2DB	2782.51 (14.10.13-10.01.14)	Providing further and higher education. The premises were being used to create a retail environment to give retail students practical experience. The premises were occupied between 14 Oct 2013 and 10 Jan 2014	Grant 80% Mandatory Relief	0.00

Dundee Association For Mental Health 4 Chamber Of Commerce Buildings, Panmure Street, Dundee, DD1 1EP	Office G/Floor West, Chamber of Commerce Buildings, Panmure Street, Dundee	2,590.62 (02.09.13-31.03.14)	Promotes the understanding of mental health and well being and supports people experiencing mental health problems. The premises are used to provide day activities, groupwork and meetings.	Grant 80% Mandatory Relief and 20% Discretionary Relief	129.53
The Memory Box Network Limited City Quay, UNIT 17 Camperdown Street, Dundee, DD2 3JA	Shop City Quay, UNIT 17 Camperdown Street, Dundee, DD2 3JA	3,000.72 (01.11.13-31.03.14)	To improve communication for those living with dementia to provide a digital system for use in reminiscence therapy.	Grant 80% Mandatory Relief and 20% Discretionary Relief	15.04