

# **Management Committee**

## **31 October 2017**

### **Application for Discretionary Rate Relief**

#### **For Decision**

#### **Briefholder(s)**

Cllr J Cant - Finance & Assets

#### **Senior Leadership Team Contact:**

J Vaughan, Strategic Director

#### **Report Author:**

S Dawson, Head of Revenues and Benefits

#### **Statutory Authority**

Local Government Finance Act 1988 (as amended)

#### **Purpose of Report**

- 1 To consider the applications received for Discretionary Rate Relief.

#### **Officer Recommendations**

- 2 That Committee considers the applications for Rate Relief listed at Appendix 1.

#### **Reason for Decision**

- 3 That the applications for relief are considered having regard to their individual merits.

#### **Background and Reason Decision Needed**

- 4 Under the Local Government Finance Act 1988, registered charities are entitled to apply for 80% Mandatory Rate Relief in respect of charges due. Councils have the discretion to top-up any relief awarded to a registered charity up to 100% of the rates payable.
- 5 Committee has agreed guidelines which are to be used when considering an application for Discretionary Rate Relief. A copy of the guidelines is attached at Appendix 1.
- 6 Applications for Discretionary Rate Relief have been received from the ratepayers listed at Appendix 2. As the Council is required to meet 40% Committee will want to satisfy itself that it is in the interests of the Council Taxpayer to award any relief.

## **Implications**

## **Footnote**

Issues relating to financial, environmental, economic and equalities implications have been considered and any information relevant to the decision is included within the report.

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