

**EXECUTIVE DECISION NOTICE****DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF SUB-COMMITTEE**

**A record of the decisions made at the meeting of the Discretionary Rate Relief Sub-Committee sitting as an Appeals Panel held on Wednesday, 23 July 2014, at 1.00 pm.**

Present

Councillors

Sue Sanderson	Environment and People Portfolio Holder
Graham Vincent	Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder
Janet Willis	Deputy Leader of the Council and Innovation and Improvement Portfolio Holder

Officers

John Greenbank	Democratic Services and Scrutiny Assistant
Matthew Neal	Solicitor to the Council
Alan Raven	Revenues and Benefits Manager
Ross McLaughlin	Revenues Officer (BIDS and Reliefs)

**DRR/6 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED – That Councillor Graham Vincent be elected Chairman for the meeting.

**DRR/7 APOLOGIES AND RECONSTITUTION OF MEMBERSHIP**

There were no apologies and there had been no changes to the membership of the Sub-Committee, therefore no reconstitution of membership was necessary.

**DRR/8 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

RESOLVED – That it be noted that no declarations of interest were made

**DRR/9 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - EXCLUDED ITEMS**

RESOLVED – That it be noted that there were no excluded items on the Agenda.

**DRR/10 CONSIDERATION OF APPEAL AGAINST EXECUTIVE DECISION TO REFUSE AN APPLICATION FOR DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF MADE BY KENDAL JUDO CLUB (52527298)****Summary**

Consideration was given to an Appeal against Executive Decision DEX/33(2) to refuse an application for Discretionary Rate Relief made by Kendal Judo Club (ref:52527298).

Executive Decision DEX/33(2) had refused the application as it was considered that Kendal Judo Club's application did not meet the criteria set out in the 'Guidelines For Determining Applications for Discretionary Rate Relief From Sporting Organisations'. In particular the organisation's highest rate of subscription exceeded £150 per annum which could deter individuals for seeking membership.

Kendal Judo Club had appealed this decision. The Club stated that the subscription fees were at a level necessary to ensure its continued running. The Club had also provided details of its fees detailing changes introduced this year. It was also stated that the Club supports a variety of sporting classes aimed at getting people involved in sport.

**Decision**

***20% Discretionary Rate Relief be awarded to the Kendal Judo Club for the period 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015.***

**Reason For Decision**

The awards are in line with new policies agreed by Cabinet on 28 January 2014 (CEX/123).

The Sub-Committee decided that the annual cost of membership was not significantly more than in previous years when discretionary rate relief had been granted and therefore would not be sufficient to deter membership of the club.

The Council has a priority to develop health, wellbeing and physical activity programmes that are accessible to residents and visitors and support sustainable modern leisure facilities.

**Alternative Options Considered and Rejected**

The Sub Committee could have decided to reject the appeal and not grant relief.

The meeting ended at 1.25 pm