

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

A record of the decisions made at the meeting of the Discretionary Rate Relief Sub-Committee held on Wednesday, 26 August 2015, at 12.20 p.m.

Present

Councillors

Heidi Halliday	Housing and Strategic Development Portfolio Holder
Peter Thornton	Leader of the Council and Promoting South Lakeland and Finance Portfolio Holder
Graham Vincent	Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder

Officers

Michael Fisher	Revenue and Benefits Manager
Jason Habbershon	Democratic Services Assistant
Nicola Hartley	Senior Solicitor
Ross McLaughlin	Revenues Officer (BIDS and Reliefs)

DRR/1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED – That Councillor Heidi Halliday be elected Chairman for the meeting.

DRR/2 APOLOGIES AND RECONSTITUTION OF MEMBERSHIP

There were no apologies and there had been no changes in the membership of the Sub-Committee, and therefore reconstitution of membership was not necessary.

DRR/3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

DRR/4 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - EXCLUDED ITEMS

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

DRR/5 DETERMINATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF**Summary**

Consideration was given to applications for discretionary rate relief made by charitable or non-profit making organisations.

Organisations whose applications had been determined by the Discretionary Rate Relief Sub-Committee in 2014/15 had been asked to reapply for 2015/16. One new application was being considered from Inspira Cumbria Limited (ref. 53062507).

A document was circulated at the meeting outlining amendments to the original report and appendices, namely:-

- (1) The amount of relief for Stricklandgate House (ref. 522941X1) to be £6,852.70, not £2,852.70 as previously stated.
- (2) The amount of relief for Manna House (ref. 52582809) to be £140.51, not £104.51 as previously stated.
- (3) The reference number for the second Trustees of Blackwell Sailing had been amended to 52575454.
- (4) The total relief due amended to £43,322.07.
- (5) The final column in Appendix 2 be retitled "Amount of Relief".

It was also explained that the application from Inspira Cumbria Limited erroneously referred to their work taking place in Copeland. It had been confirmed with Inspira that this should have read South Lakeland.

Decision

(1) Discretionary rate relief continue to be awarded to the organisations listed below at the same percentage as previously awarded:-

REF	NAME	AMOUNT OF RELIEF	PERCENTAGE AWARD
522941X1	Stricklandgate House Trust Ltd	£6,852.70	20%
53071050	South Lakeland Carers	£3,155.20	20%
50133581	Storth Playing Field Committee	£423.98	20%

REF	NAME	AMOUNT OF RELIEF	PERCENTAGE AWARD
50415941	<i>Trustees of Allithwaite Playing Fields Association</i>	£611.32	20%
50063041	<i>The Kendal Brewery Arts Centre Trust Ltd</i>	£5,225.80	10%
51360031	<i>The Kendal Brewery Arts Centre Trust Ltd</i>	£69.02	10%
53024869	<i>The Kendal Brewery Arts Centre Trust Ltd</i>	£345.10	10%
52582795	<i>Manna House</i>	£2,021.30	20%
52582809	<i>Manna House</i>	£140.51	20%
52579727	<i>Hospice of St Mary of Furness</i>	£7,247.10	20%
51280121	<i>CancerCare Lakes Centre</i>	£3,401.70	20%
50130971	<i>The Heron Theatre</i>	£246.50	20%
53012119	<i>Westmorland County Football Asn Ltd</i>	£3,480.00	50%
52573044	<i>Trustees of Blackwell Sailing</i>	£350.03	20%
52575454	<i>Trustees of Blackwell Sailing</i>	£591.60	20%
50815491	<i>Levens Playing Fields Committee</i>	£172.55	20%
51742691	<i>Citizens Advice Bureau</i>	£281.01	20%
51366571	<i>Cumbria Rural Citizens Advice Bureau</i>	£986.00	20%
53048326	<i>Cumbria Rural Citizens Advice Bureau</i>	£581.74	20%
53059271	<i>Cumbria Rural Citizens Advice Bureau</i>	£1,232.50	20%
52250271	<i>Ford Park Community Group</i>	£1,651.55	20%
500842x1	<i>Kendal Sea Cadet Corps</i>	£194.74	20%
52508315	<i>Cumbria Deaf Association</i>	£108.46	20%
51984271	<i>Mind (Ulverston)</i>	£502.86	20%
53066464	<i>Cumbria Cricket Board</i>	£153.60	50%
53058534	<i>Cumbria Cricket Board</i>	£684.00	50%

(2) Inspira Cumbria Limited be awarded discretionary rate relief of 80% (£2,611.20) as it provides sufficient benefits to residents of South Lakeland in comparison to the cost that awarding relief would place on the taxpayer.

Reasons for Decision

The award of discretionary rate relief to charitable organisations and other non-profit making organisations is to help achieve our priorities and targets set out in the Council Plan.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

Members may determine whether or not relief should be awarded in each case although reference must be made to the Council's policy guidelines. The percentage awarded can be varied depending upon the individual circumstances.

The meeting ended at 12.35 p.m.