

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, 16 December 2015, at 1.00 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
Ross McLaughlin	Revenues Officer (BIDS and Reliefs)
Matthew Neal	Solicitor to the Council
Paul Rogers	Assistant Democratic Services Officer

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 in the membership of the Sub-Committee, and therefore reconstitution of membership was not necessary.

DRR/8 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED – That it be noted that Councillor Graham Vincent declared an interest in Minute No. DRR/10.

DRR/9 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - EXCLUDED ITEMS

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

DRR/10 DETERMINATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF

Councillor Graham Vincent made a personal explanation that approximately 30 years previously, he had been a member of Kendal Lions Club. To his knowledge, he had no close connections with any persons in the current membership, so there was no issue of bias and pre-determination. He remained in the meeting during discussion and voting thereon.

Summary

Consideration was given to applications for discretionary rate relief made by three charitable or non-profit making organisations; Milnthorpe Family Centre, Kendal and District Lions Club and Mind (Ulverston). The three organisations listed had received 80% mandatory relief and, therefore, 20% discretionary rate relief was the maximum that could be awarded by the Sub-Committee.

Decision

RESOLVED – That 20% discretionary rate relief be awarded to the following organisations:-

- (1) Milnthorpe Family Centre (reference 53072774) (amount - £788.80);***
- (2) Kendal and District Lions Club (reference 53076133) (amount - £1,272.91); and***
- (3) Mind (Ulverston) (reference 53076176) (amount - £205.28).***

Reasons for Decision

The award of discretionary rate relief to charitable organisations and other non-profit making organisations helps to achieve the Council's 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 1.10 p.m.