

**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, 23 July 2014, at 12.00 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
Shelagh McGregor	Assistant Director Resources (Section 151 Officer)
Ross McLaughlin	Revenues Officer (BIDS and Reliefs)
Matthew Neal	Solicitor to the Council
Alan Raven	Revenues and Benefits Manager

**1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

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

**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.

**3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**4 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - EXCLUDED ITEMS**

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

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

Consideration was given to approving Discretionary Rate Relief Applications from a variety of organisations within the District for 2014/15.

**Decision**

(1) Discretionary rate Relief be awarded to charitable and other non-for-profit organisations listed in Appendix 2 of the report for the period 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015, namely:-

Ref	Name	Amount of Relief	Total %
50815491	Levens Playing Fields Committee	£168.70	20
500842x1	Kendal Sea Cadet Corps	£190.39	20
50130971	The Heron Theatre	£241.00	20
50133581	Storth Playing Field Committee	£414.52	20
50415941	Trustees of Allithwaite Playing Fields Association	£597.68	20
52573044	Trustees of Blackwell Sailing	£342.22	20
52575454	Trustees of Blackwell Sailing	£578.40	20
52250271	Ford Park Community Group	£1542.40	20
53033574	South Lakeland Carers	£1662.90	20
52589412	Kings Church	£250.64	10
53028864	Kings Church	£674.80	10
53052757	Trustees of Kendal and District Lions Club	£1898.62	20
52556433	Cumbria Cricket Board	£359.14	50

53027930	Cumbria Cricket Board	£612.30	50
52582795	Manna House	£1976.20	20
52582809	Manna House	£137.37	20
51280121	Cancercare Lakes Centre	£3325.80	20
52579727	Hospice of St. Mary of Furness	£6073.20	20
53012119	Westmorland County Football Asscn. Ltd	£3414.75	50
522941X1	Stricklandgate House Trust Ltd	£6699.80	20
50063041	The Kendal Brewery Arts Centre Trust Ltd	£5109.20	10
51360031	The Kendal Brewery Arts Centre Trust Ltd	£67.48	10
53024869	The Kendal Brewery Arts Centre Trust Ltd	£337.40	10

**(2) In the case of:-**

**Kings Church (ref: 52589412 and 53028864) – A lesser amount of relief was awarded to reflect the services provided to the resident of South Lakeland but noting that other services were provided throughout the world.**

**Cumbria Cricket Board (ref:52556433 and 53027930) – A lesser amount of relief was awarded to reflect a re-alignment of the Council Plan (2014-19).**

**Westmorland County Football Association Ltd (ref:53012119) – A lesser amount of relief was awarded to reflect a re-alignment of the Council Plan (2014-19).**

**Kendal Brewery Arts Centre Trust Ltd (ref:50063041, 51360031 and 53024869) – A lesser amount of relief was awarded to reflect that the organisation is in competition with other businesses in the District but services are provided that assist the Council in achieving it Council Plan priorities and targets.**

**(3) Discretionary Rate Relief be refused for Boxes of Hope (ref:53047907), Action for Children (ref:53046935), Kendal Arts International Limited (ref:53034481) and Down Syndrome Education International (ref:53045556) as they do not meet the criteria as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.**

**(4) That consideration of granting Discretionary Rate Relief for Cumbria Deaf Association (ref:52508315) be deferred until further information regarding the association's benefit to the local community can be provided.**

**(5) 20% Discretionary Rate Relief is awarded to the Trustees of Kendal Lions Club (ref:53052757) but it was noted that the club is under occupying its current premises and determination of future applications may take this consideration.**

#### **Reason for Decision**

The awards are in line with new policies agreed by Cabinet on 28 January 2014 (CEX/123 (2013/14) refers).

The award of Discretionary Rate Relief assists in achieving Council Plan priorities and targets.

#### **Alternative Options Considered and Rejected**

That all applications could be refused, but this was not recommended as the decisions were in line with Council policy and priorities.

The meeting ended at 1.00 pm