

POLICY & RESOURCES CABINET BOARD

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FINANCE & CORPORATE SERVICES

**REPORT OF THE HEAD OF REVENUES & CUSTOMER SERVICES
– MARTIN JONES**

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ITEM 1

DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF SCHEME

1. Purpose of Report

To recommend that the criteria for granting discretionary rate relief be amended to cover the granting of 20% top up discretionary relief to WRVS shops on hospital premises.

2. Background

Charity shops are entitled to 80% mandatory rate relief, but the current criteria for discretionary rate relief provide that no top up relief is granted.

We have now received re-applications for the period 1st April, 2011 to 31st March, 2014 from the WRVS in respect of 4 shops which they operate at the Neath Port Talbot Hospital in Baglan.

Previously you have agreed to grant the 20% top up discretionary relief to the WRVS, but this is not reflected in the wording of the scheme of discretionary rate relief adopted earlier this year.

3. Financial Implications

The annual cost of granting the top up discretionary relief to the 4 WRVS shops is £2,750, which can be accommodated within the Authority's budget for discretionary rate relief.

4. Recommendation

To amend the criteria for granting discretionary rate relief to cover the granting of 20% top up discretionary relief to WRVS shops on hospital premises

5. Reason for Proposed Decision

To bring the approved scheme of discretionary rate relief into line with previous decisions on granting relief.

List of Background Papers

Scheme of discretionary rate relief approved at Policy & Resources Cabinet Board of 24th June, 2010

Wards Affected

Baglan

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COMPLIANCE STATEMENT
DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF SCHEME

Implementation of Decision

The decision is proposed for implementation after the three day call in period.

Sustainability Appraisal

Community Plan Impacts

Economic Prosperity	-	No impact
Education & Lifelong Learning	-	No impact
Better Health & Well Being	-	Positive
Environment & Transport	-	No impact
Crime & Disorder	-	No impact

Other Impacts

Welsh Language	-	No impact
Sustainable Development	-	No impact
Equalities	-	No impact
Social Inclusion	-	No impact

Consultation

There has been no requirement under the Constitution for external consultation on this item.