

Appendix A

**Local Government Finance Act 1988 –
Applications for Discretionary Rate Relief**

1. Rotary Club of Wolstanton Charitable Trust Fund, 1-3 High Street, Newcastle, Staffordshire, ST5 1RB

The Rotary Club of Wolstanton Charitable Trust Fund is part of the Rotary Club movement and is a registered charity. As such, it already receives 80% mandatory charity relief. It occupied 1-3 High Street as a charity shop to raise funds to support its charitable works with the young, the elderly and disabled.

It is your usual practice to grant such an organisation 5% additional discretionary rate relief, to the mandatory charity relief it already receives

The Rotary Club of Wolstanton Charitable Trust Fund were only in occupation of 1-3 High Street for the period from 5 November 2013 until 4 February 2014, during which period they incurred a gross rates liability of £842.90, reduced to £168.58 by mandatory charity relief. Granting 5% discretionary rate relief would further reduce this amount by £42.15 to £126.43 at a cost to the Borough Council of £16.86.

Recommendation: That additional discretionary rate relief at 5% is granted.

2. Trustees of The Salvation Army, 102a High Street, Talke, Stoke-On-Trent, ST7 1PY

Trustees of The Salvation Army are a registered charity and as such already receive 80% mandatory charity relief. It occupied 102a High Street on a temporary basis for the purposes of storage and distribution of toys to needy families at Christmas.

It is your usual practice to grant such an organisation 5% additional discretionary rate relief, to the mandatory charity relief it already receives.

The gross rates payable for the temporary occupation will be £334.22, reduced to £66.84 by mandatory charity relief. Granting 5% discretionary rate relief would further reduce this amount by £16.71 to £50.13 at a cost to the Borough Council of £6.68.

Recommendation: That additional discretionary rate relief at 5% is granted.

3. ADSIS, Unit 2, Fellgate Court, Froghall, Newcastle, Staffs, ST5 2UA

ADSI (formerly Alcohol and Drug Service in Staffordshire) is a registered charity and as such already receives 80% mandatory charity relief. It occupies Unit 2, Fellgate Court as offices to help facilitate its work with the prevention of alcohol and drug misuse and the treatment of individuals with alcohol and drug related problems.

It is your usual practice to grant such an organisation 5% additional discretionary rate relief, to the mandatory charity relief it already receives.

ADSIS have been in occupation of Unit 2, Fellgate Court since 11 February 2013. The gross rates payable for the current financial year will be £4,771.80, reduced to £954.36 by mandatory charity relief. Granting 5% discretionary rate relief would further reduce this amount by £238.59 to £715.77 at a cost to the Borough Council of £95.44 in 2014/15, with a further cost of £105.43 to back date the relief to the date of occupation of the premises.

Recommendation: That additional discretionary rate relief at 5% is granted.

4. Evolve YP Ltd, 90 King Street, Newcastle, Staffs, ST5

Evolve YP Ltd are a not for profit organisation. They occupy 90 King Street to provide offices, IT facilities, meeting rooms and den facilities to help in their work with looked after children and care leavers in the age group 13 to 21 or over 21 year olds if still in full time education. Although Evolve YP Ltd have been in occupation of 90 King Street since November 2009, they only applied for discretionary relief in October 2013, so it will only be possible to consider relief from 1 April 2013 onwards.

It is your usual practice to grant such an organisation 85% discretionary relief

The gross rates payable for the current financial year will be £15,183.00. Granting 85% discretionary rate relief would reduce this amount by £12,905.55 to £2,277.45 at a cost to the Borough Council of £5,162.22 in 2014/15, with a further cost of £5,044.41 to back date the relief to the 1 April 2013.

Recommendation: That discretionary rate relief at 85% is granted.

5. Midlands Air Ambulance Charity, 88 High Street, Newcastle, Staffs, ST5 1QQ

Midlands Air Ambulance Charity is a registered charity and as such already receives 80% mandatory charity relief. It occupies 88 High Street as a charity shop to raise funds to support its work in providing rapid response emergency services for events of medical trauma.

It is your usual practice to grant such an organisation 5% additional discretionary rate relief, to the mandatory charity relief it already receives.

Midlands Air Ambulance Charity has been in occupation of 88 High Street since 19 December 2013. The gross rates payable for the current financial year will be £19,882.50 reduced to £3,976.50 by mandatory charity relief. Granting 5% discretionary rate relief would further reduce this amount by £994.13 to £2,982.37 at a cost to the Borough Council of £397.65 in 2014/15, with a further cost of £109.65 to back date the relief to the date of occupation of the premises.

Recommendation: That additional discretionary rate relief at 5% is granted.

6. VAST, 12 Merrial Street, Newcastle, Staffs, ST5 2AD

VAST (Voluntary Action in Stoke-on-Trent) is a registered charity and as such already receives 80% mandatory charity relief. It occupies 12 Merrial Street as offices to help facilitate its aims of promoting any charitable purpose for the benefit of the local community, particularly with regard to the advancement of education, the furtherance of health and relief of poverty, distress and sickness.

It is your usual practice to grant such an organisation 5% additional discretionary rate relief, to the mandatory charity relief it already receives.

VAST has been in occupation of 12 Merrial Street since 8 January 2014. The gross rates payable for the current financial year will be £5,061.00 reduced to £1,012.20 by mandatory charity relief. Granting 5% discretionary rate relief would further reduce this amount by £253.05 to £759.15 at a cost to the Borough Council of £101.22 in 2014/15, with a further cost of £22.49 to back date the relief to the date of occupation of the premises.

Recommendation: That additional discretionary rate relief at 5% is granted.

7. University Academy Kidsgrove, Gloucester Road, Kidsgrove, Stoke-on-Trent, ST7 4DJ and -

8. University Academy Kidsgrove, Playing Fields Gloucester Road, Kidsgrove, Stoke-on-Trent, ST7 4DJ

University Academy Kidsgrove is the former Maryhill Comprehensive School and its rating liability is split over two hereditaments. As part of a registered Academic Trust it already receives 80% mandatory relief.

The majority of educational establishments are unable to claim any rate relief but for various reasons, a number are able to register as charities or academies and receive 80% mandatory relief. It is your usual practice to grant no further discretionary relief in these cases.

The gross rates payable for the current financial year will be £49,164.00 reduced to £9,832.80 by academy status for the main assessment and £1,711.10 reduced to £ 342.22 for the playing fields.

Recommendation: That no additional discretionary rate relief be granted in respect of either of the hereditaments.

9. The Newcastle Co-operative Learning Trust, Seabridge Primary School, Roe Lane, Newcastle, Staffs, ST5 2HY

The Newcastle Co-operative Learning Trust is the former Seabridge Primary School and as part of a registered Academic Trust it already receives 80% mandatory relief.

The majority of educational establishments are unable to claim any rate relief but for various reasons, a number are able to register as charities or academies and receive 80% mandatory relief. It is your usual practice to grant no further discretionary relief in these cases.

The gross rates payable for the current financial year will be £27,474.00 reduced to £5,494.80 by academy.

Recommendation: That no additional discretionary rate relief be granted.

10. S.V.R Leisure LLP, Warehouse @, Knowle End Farm, Barthomley Road, Audley, Stoke-On-Trent-Staffs, ST7 8HT

S.V.R Leisure LLP (Storm Valley Raceway) are a not for profit organisation. They have occupied the Warehouse @, Knowle End Farm since 30 May 2013 to provide a race track and associated facilities for the racing of remote control cars. They are a club affiliated to the British Radio Car Association and provide facilities for all age groups and ability levels in the North Staffordshire and South Cheshire area.

It is your usual practice to grant such an organisation 80% discretionary relief

The gross rates payable for the current financial year will be £7,832.50. Granting 80% discretionary rate relief would reduce this amount by £6,266.00 to £1,566.50 at a cost to the Borough Council of £2,506.40 in 2014/15, with a further cost of £2,014.07 to back date the relief to the 30 May 2013.

Recommendation: That discretionary rate relief at 80% is granted.