

Appendix A

Local Government Finance Act 1988 – Applications for Discretionary Rate Relief

1 The Donna Louise Trust, 60 Ironmarket, Newcastle, Staffordshire, ST5 1PE

The Donna Louise Trust is a registered charity and as such already receives 80% mandatory charity relief. It occupied 60 Ironmarket as a charity shop with the aim of raising money to support its work providing respite and care to children and young people with life limiting and/or life shortening illnesses.

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

The Donna Louise Trust have been in occupation of 60 Ironmarket since 19 September 2014. The gross rates payable for the current financial year will be £16,395.92. This amount has been reduced by £8,197.96 due to reoccupation relief and £6,558.37 due to mandatory charity relief leaving rates payable of £1,639.59.

Granting 5% discretionary rate relief would further reduce this amount by £409.90 to £1,229.69 at a cost of £204.95 to the DCLG, £40.99 to Staffordshire County Council and Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service, £49.19 to the Stoke on Trent and Staffordshire Rating Pool and £114.77 to the Borough Council.

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

2 Butt Lane Community and Training Centre Lower Ash Road Kidsgrove, Stoke-On-Trent, ST7 1DG

Butt Lane Community Centre is a not for profit organisation with the aims of providing and facilitating a range of social and educational activities for the local community. It occupies Butt Lane Community Centre and Training Centre to provide a base for these activities.

It is your usual practice to grant such an organisation 95% discretionary rate relief.

Butt Lane Community Centre took over liability for National Non Domestic Rates for this property from Newcastle under lyme Borough Council from 1 April 2014. The gross rates payable for the current financial year will be £3,862.20. This amount has been reduced to £1,416.28 by Small Business Rates Relief.

Granting the 95% discretionary rate relief would further reduce this amount by £1,345.47 to £70.81 at a cost of £672.74 to the DCLG, £134.55 to Staffordshire County Council and Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service, £161.46 to the Stoke on Trent and Staffordshire Rating Pool and £376.72 to the Borough Council.

Recommendation: That discretionary rate relief at 95% is granted.

3 **Crackley Community Centre, Birch House Road, Chesterton, Newcastle, Staffordshire, ST5 7BJ**

Crackley Community Centre is a not for profit organisation with the aims of providing and facilitating a range of social and educational activities for the local community. It occupies Crackley Community Centre to provide a base for these activities.

It is your usual practice to grant such an organisation 95% discretionary rate relief.

Crackley Community Centre Management Committee took over liability for National Non Domestic Rates for this property from Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council from 1 April 2014. The gross rates payable for the current financial year will be £4,662.90. This amount has been reduced to £3,031.79 by Small Business Rates Relief.

Granting the 95% discretionary rate relief would further reduce this amount by £2,882.20 to £151.89 at a cost of £1,441.10 to the DCLG, £288.22 to Staffordshire County Council and Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service, £345.86 to the Stoke on Trent and Staffordshire Rating Pool and £807.02 to the Borough Council.

Recommendation: That discretionary rate relief at 95% is granted.

4 **Tom Lowe Amateur Boxing Club 22 Market Street, Kidsgrove, Stoke-On-Trent, Staffs. ST7 4AB**

The Tom Lowe Amateur Boxing Club is a not for profit club, registered with the British Amateur Boxing Association, providing boxing training and other keep-fit activities for all members of the community. It occupies 22 Market Street as a gymnasium for these activities.

It is your usual practice to grant such an organisation 80% discretionary rate relief and this relief has been granted since 2010. However the club has now applied for further relief arguing that the likely closure of other youth clubs in the area will increase the need for and use of their establishment.

For the current financial year the club already benefit from discretionary relief of £4,805.20 at the cost to the Council of £1,345.46 and the issues faced can be likened to other similar organisations

Granting of the further 20% relief would further reduce the rates payable by an additional £1,201.05 at the cost of £600.53 to the DCLG, £120.11 to Staffordshire County Council and Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service, £144.13 to the Stoke on Trent and Staffordshire Rating Pool and £336.25 to the Borough Council.

Recommendation: That no additional discretionary rate relief be awarded.

5. **Silverdale Athletic Football Club Kents Lane Community Building, Sutton Avenue, Silverdale, Newcastle, Staffs, ST5 6TA**

Silverdale Athletic Football Club have been running this new Community building since it was completed on 14 February 2014 providing sporting and other facilities for the local community.

It is your usual practice to grant such an organisation 95% discretionary rate relief.

The gross rates payable since the building was completed will be £6,086.08. This amount has been reduced to £5,578.44 by Small Business Rates Relief.

Granting the 95% discretionary rate relief would further reduce this amount by £5,299.52 to £278.92 at a cost of £2,649.76 to the DCLG, £529.95 to Staffordshire County Council and Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service, £635.94 to the Stoke on Trent and Staffordshire Rating Pool and £1,483.87 to the Borough Council.

Recommendation: That discretionary rate relief at 95% is granted.

6. **Knutton Community Centre Management Committee, Knutton Lane, Newcastle, Staffordshire, ST5 6HF**

Knutton Community Centre has been run by a Management Committee since 2004 and has previously been granted discretionary relief. They failed to make a claim in 2014/15 leading to the relief being removed and are now reapplying. Knutton Community Centre is a not for profit organisation with the aims of providing and facilitating a range of social and educational activities for the local community. It occupies Knutton Community Centre to provide a base for these activities.

It is your usual practice to grant such an organisation 95% discretionary rate relief.

The gross rates payable for the current financial year will be £4,380.30. Granting the 95% discretionary rate relief would reduce this amount by £4,161.28 to £219.02 at a cost of £2,080.64 to the DCLG, £416.13 to Staffordshire County Council and Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service, £499.35 to the Stoke on Trent and Staffordshire Rating Pool and £1,165.16 to the Borough Council.

Recommendation: That discretionary rate relief at 95% is granted.

7. **Chesterton Community Centre, London Road, Chesterton, Newcastle, Staffordshire, ST5 7HZ**

Chesterton Community Centre has been run by a Management Committee since December 2003 and has previously been granted discretionary relief. However an error by the Valuation Office Agency led to the property being mistakenly removed from the Valuation list in 2010 and no claim for Discretionary relief has been made since this date.

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Chesterton Community Centre is a not for profit organisation with the aims of providing and facilitating a range of social and educational activities for the local community. It occupies Chesterton Community Centre to provide a base for these activities.

It is your usual practice to grant such an organisation 95% discretionary rate relief.

The gross rates payable for the current financial year will be £6,240.75. Granting the 95% discretionary rate relief would reduce this amount by £5,928.71 to £312.04 at a cost of £2,964.36 to the DCLG, £592.87 to Staffordshire County Council and Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service, £711.45 to the Stoke on Trent and Staffordshire Rating Pool and £1,660.04.16 to the Borough Council.

In addition the applicant wishes to be considered for relief for the years 2010-2014 where a similar reduction would reduce the total rates payable from £23,870.78 to £1,193.62 at a cost of £11,338.58 to the DCLG, £2,267.72 to Staffordshire County Council and Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service, £2,721.26 to the Stoke on Trent and Staffordshire Rating Pool and £6,349.60 to the Borough Council.

Recommendation: That discretionary rate relief at 95% is granted.