

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Chief Executive

Corporate Services Committee - 28 June 2006

Subject : Award of Discretionary Relief of Rates – 2005/06

1. Purpose

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to advise Members of the organisations awarded discretionary relief of rates in 2005/06.

2. Background

- 2.1** The Council resolved on 26 September 2001 that an annual report be produced, detailing the discretionary relief of rates awarded during the previous financial year (minute reference page 511).

3. Main Issues

- 3.1** The attached Appendix 1 lists the organisations awarded discretionary relief of rates for 2005/06. All reliefs have been awarded in line with Council policy whereby organisations concerned with education, science, social welfare, literature, fine arts or otherwise philanthropic activities may qualify for relief of rates.
- 3.2** The total value of discretionary relief awarded for 2005/06 was £201,126.80. The national non-domestic rate pool will fund 75% of all discretionary reliefs granted. As such, £150,845.10 has been funded from the national non-domestic rate pool and the balance of £50,281.70 has been funded from the Council's general fund.

4. Personnel Issues

- 4.1** There are no personnel issues.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1** The Council's contribution toward Discretionary Relief of Rates awarded for 2005/06 amounts to £50,281.70.

6. Conclusions

- 6.1** Discretionary relief of rates to the value of £201,126.80 has been awarded for 2005/06 in line with Council policy. The Council's general fund will finance £50,281.70 of this relief.

7. Recommendations

7.1 Members are asked to note the contents of this report.

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Wards Affected: All Council Wards.