



Section 85 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002

Objectives of the policy

The Council reaffirms its commitment to assist, where practicable, community clubs, sporting and community based groups and not for profit organisations in recognition of the valuable 'Public Good' contribution made by such organisations to the character and wellbeing of the district.

Generally, the policy will not apply to groups or organisations whose primary purpose is to address the needs of adult members (over 18 years) for entertainment or social interaction, or who engage in recreational, sporting, or community services as a secondary purpose only.

Conditions and criteria

1. The Council may remit all general rates on any rating unit that is owned or occupied by a charitable organisation, and is used exclusively or principally for sporting, recreation or for the purpose of community good.
2. The policy will not apply to organisations operated for private pecuniary profit, or which charge commercial fees (e.g. tuition fees, market level rent, non subsidised goods or services).
3. Organisations that are not registered as charitable entities under the Charities Act 2005 must, in making an application, include the following documents in support of their application:
 - a. Statement of objectives.
 - b. Full financial accounts for the three previous financial years.
 - c. Information on activities and programmes, including any charges for these, including identifying those that are limited solely to members and those that are available to the wider public.
 - d. Description of membership or clients.
4. In respect of those rates referred to in sections 16 and 19 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 (i.e. targeted rates) all other targeted rates will be charged at the applicable rate.
5. All other targeted rates (including service charge rates) will be charged at the applicable rate.
6. Council may apply conditions to the remissions where appropriate, including (but not limited to):
 - a. Where the rating unit is leased, conditions may include that Council be notified upon any change in the lease arrangements that may impact on the eligibility of the rating unit for the remission.
 - b. Where the organisation is not registered as a charitable entity, conditions to ensure that the public good contribution (beyond members) continues in place, and Council is notified of any change in circumstance that means such contribution is lessened or ended.
7. For the purposes of this policy, a member or owner of an organisation shall include situations similar to membership or ownership, whether voluntary or as an automatic result of some other factor (e.g. where homeowner association membership is automatic due to a property covenant existing).

Property details

Valuation number

Property identification
number

Property address

Owner/applicant details

Owner details

First name(s)

Surname

**Applicant details
(if different to above)**

First name(s)

Surname

Postal address

Contact phone

Contact email

Application details – please provide supporting documentation

Applicant's signature

Name of applicant

Signature of applicant

Date

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date received

Application
rejected

Application reviewed

Customer contacted

Application accepted

accepted
Remission
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