

(a) Discretionary Rate Relief for Non-Domestic Rates

In building the business rates funding baseline, it has been assumed that the following amounts will be spent on Discretionary Rate reliefs

Table 1 – Forecast spend 2017/18

| Relief type | £ |
|--|-----------------|
| Discretionary rate relief (Charities and Not for Profit Organisations) | £471,200 |
| Reductions/remissions on the grounds of hardship | - |
| Relief for partly occupied premises | - |
| Total | £471,200 |

Discretionary Rate Relief (Charities and other Organisations) can be further broken down into the following categories

Table 2 – Forecast Spend 2017/18

| Charities and not for profit organisations involved in | No of relief cases | Total cost of Reliefs | Cost deducted from MKC's retained Business Rates. |
|--|--------------------|-----------------------|---|
| Community Interaction | 25 | £34,000 | £16,660 |
| Social care | 34 | £54,000 | £26,460 |
| Children and youth | 13 | £13,000 | £6,370 |
| Healthy Lifestyle | 33 | £215,000 | £105,350 |
| Museum & Arts | 26 | £83,000 | £40,670 |
| Meeting Hall | 26 | £16,000 | £7,840 |
| Localism | 1 | £31,000 | £15,190 |
| Economic Development | 1 | £15,000 | £7,350 |
| Child care | 1 | £200 | £98 |
| Other discretionary | 2 | £10,000 | £4,900 |
| Total | 164 | £471,200 | £230,888 |

In the 2016 Autumn Statement and 2017 Spring Budget additional measures have been introduced to provide assistance to specific rate payers. Some of these policies have yet to have full guidance provided so full costing cannot be provided as yet. However, the table below provides information where available.

Table 3 – Potential spend for 2017/18 for new reliefs

| Rate relief granted under s47 of LGFA 1099 | Potential no. of relief cases | Potential total cost of reliefs | MKC share of costs |
|---|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Relief of up to £1,500 for space occupied by local newspaper | 1 | £1,500 | £0 |
| Relief of up to £1,000 for Public Houses with Rateable Value below £100,000 | 108 | £108,000 | £0 |
| Rural rate relief doubled from 50% to 100% | 9 | £11,000 | £0 |
| Discretionary fund for those ratepayers most affected by rate liability increases | -* | £750,000* | £0 |
| Relief for small business who have lost relief as result of revaluation | -** | -** | £0 |
| Total | 118 | £120,500 | £0 |

- * represents the total amount allocated to MKC by central government for allocation in year 2017/18. Scheme itself has been put for out consultation but assumptions are that this will be a local scheme designed by local authorities to meet needs of local businesses
- ** exact scheme has not yet been finalised but is likely to involve few accounts. Amount of relief will depend on total increase in rate liability and is fully funded by central government.