

## Key Decision Details

<b>Decision Name</b>	National Non-Domestic Rates - Discretionary Rate Relief - Charities and Kindred Organisations
<b>Date of Decision</b>	13 October 2005
<b>Decision maker</b>	Cabinet
<b>Describe the Decision taken</b>	<p>Approved the proposed discretionary rate relief as set out in Appendix D to the report;</p> <p>Agreed to review existing cases in receipt of discretionary rate relief as required following a change in rateable value;</p> <p>Recommended that existing recipients of discretionary relief be advised of the new scheme and the effect on the rate of accounts;</p> <p>Agreed to assess new cases using the new criteria;</p> <p>Approved the review of the policy every five years, on the occasion of the new rating lists;</p> <p>Delegated authority to the Head of Revenue Services and the Local Taxation Manager to grant relief under the policy; and</p> <p>Authorised the Director of Commerce and Technology to deal with appeals from dissatisfied applicants.</p>
<b>What were the reasons for taking the Decision?</b>	As part of a review of the Council's policy for discretionary rate relief
<b>What alternative options were considered and rejected?</b>	
<b>Conflict of interest and dispensation</b>	Councillor Hansard by virtue of his Membership of St Neots Sports Association
<b>Is the decision a Key Decision?</b>	Yes
<b>Was the decision included in the Forward Plan</b>	No
<b>Was the decision subject to the urgency proceedings?</b>	No
<b>List the background papers to any report considered by the</b>	F & GP Minutes jan 1996 and June 1998

**Decision Taker** Discretionary Rate Relief files in local  
taxation office

**Person Making this  
report** Mrs Helen Taylor

**Date upon which the  
Decision will come into  
force, subject to no  
call-in** 21 October 2005

**Accompanying  
Documents** None.