

## APPENDIX A

### DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF CRITERIA

Each case will be considered on its own merits with priority given to efficient and well managed organisations that:

- Primarily benefit Islington residents.
- Demonstrate a link with council priorities and promote a fairer Islington.
- Relieve the council of providing certain facilities or services.
- Serve the needs of poorer and excluded sections of the local community.
- Provide services for and in the borough's most deprived neighbourhoods.
- Maximise the use of their premises for community benefit.
- Serve equalities groups protected under the Equality Act 2010.

#### Priority will also be given to:

- Local organisations that are funded by the council through grant-aid or service contract.
- Local organisations that have a governing body whose membership mainly consists of people who live and/or work in Islington or have a strong connection with the borough.
- Organisations reliant on volunteers to carry out their activities.
- Self help groups with few sources of funding to carry out their activities.

#### Other Considerations

- The financial cost to the council incurred in awarding relief
- The organisation's ability to pay its rates
- The amount of central government funding levered-in by a discretionary rate relief award to deliver statutory or other council services

#### Not Eligible for Discretionary Rate Relief

Islington Council will not normally award discretionary rate relief to:

- Profit making organisations.
- Empty properties.
- Charity shops.
- Private schools, colleges, nurseries or schools that are not within the Islington family of schools.
- National charity headquarters.
- Housing Associations (other than for community centres).
- Car parking spaces.
- Buildings exclusively used for worship.

#### Award Limits

The following limits to awards will apply (cost to the council of discretionary rate relief):

Up to £6,000	Organisations will normally be awarded 100% discretionary rate relief
Over £6,000	Awards will be proportionate to the level of local benefit which may be less than 100% discretionary rate relief