

BUDGET CUT ASSESSMENT FORM

S12

Budget Cut Assessment Form	Ref No S12	Responsible AD	Responsible Finance Manager	Responsible HR Manager	Responsible Lawyer	Responsible EIA Officer
DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF						
Description of Proposal:						
<p>Discretionary Rate relief (DRR) can be given subject to organisations that are in receipt of mandatory rate relief. Sports clubs generally do not have charitable status for non-domestic rates purposes, but they can apply for this status through the Inland Revenue. If they meet certain criteria they will then receive mandatory rate relief. We do not give top up DRR where sports clubs have this status. Sports clubs without charitable status can apply for DRR and the % relief varies 10% to 50% depending on whether the club runs a licensed bar.</p> <p>Organisations must apply every year.</p> <p>Organisations are asked to provide governance and financial information as part of the process. On receipt of the application a stop is put on the collection pending a decision to award. The decision is made by the Health and Partnerships Cabinet lead following advice from an advisory panel including DBC officers and County Durham Community Foundation. Minutes of the panel meeting are then circulated to all Members who can call-in any decision. Following the end of the call-in period applicants and Revenues and Benefits are notified of the outcome.</p> <p>The budget is £34,000 and the spend last year was less than this at £18,195. Last year 40 organisations applied for this support and the amounts granted ranged from £55 to £2000. The impact of stopping this support will therefore be minimal for most organisations but the cumulative effect will need to be assessed as it will hit CAB, DAD, Age UK, FirstStop and others who will be affected by other proposals. Where the group is a small group it should be possible to fund raise for the amount required especially as we need to provide a lead in of 12 months as we have to give 12 months' notice of any changes.</p>						
Human Resources Impacts		Asset Management Impacts	Decommissioning Costs		Cost Shunting	
No. of posts to be deleted	None	Detail any released buildings/building space Identify disposal or requisition issues	In addition to HR and Asset costs identify any others e.g. early contract termination costs		Is there any known or potential to increase costs elsewhere within Council budgets	
No. of potential redundancies	None					
Estimated Redundancy costs	£NIL					

	Financial Summary				
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Estimated reduction to budget	0	34,000	34,000	34,000	34,000
Redundancy Costs	0	0	0	0	0
Asset Implication	0	0	0	0	0
Decommissioning Costs	0	0	0	0	0
Known Cost Shunting	0	0	0	0	0
NET Budget Reduction	0	34,000	34,000	34,000	34,000

Equality Impact Assessment

Officers have considered the proposal's relevance to Darlington Borough Council's Public Sector Equality Duty. Councillors should note that an initial equalities impact assessment screening was conducted and determined that this proposal has no or negligible impacts on protected characteristics and therefore a full EIA was not undertaken.