

EXECUTIVE DECISIONS TAKEN BY CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDER OR DELEGATED OFFICER NOTICE OF DECISION

THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER AND CONTACT OFFICER

TITLE OF DECISION:	
AWARDS OF DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF	
NAME OF DECISION TAKER:	ROGER MACE
POSITION AND RESPONSIBILITY HELD:	CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR REVENUE SERVICES
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Details of Decision: To grant top up discretionary rate relief to Signposts MARC Ltd in respect of Application A referred to in the report and refuse the Applications B, C & D referred to in the report.	
Reasons for the decision (continue on separate sheet or append relevant papers as necessary): Whilst the City Council values the role of the third sector it has limited financial resources to support all charitable ventures and facilities. The main work of Signposts Multi Agency Resource Centre is information and advice to support services and people, particularly in the West End of Morecambe. The Council values this work and would wish to support this core activity. Accordingly, the application for discretionary rate relief in respect of the main premises used for this work at 58 Regent Road has been granted although the extension of its services in to other parts of Lancashire & Cumbria may impact on the decision to grant relief in the future. However, the applications in respect of the properties at 37 Yorkshire Street, Flat A 19 Heysham Road and the War Memorial Hall, Church Street, Morecambe have not been supported for the following reasons: <u>Community Facility at 37 Yorkshire Street</u> The facilities and services provided are not considered to key to the core activities and it is considered that facilities for other groups to meet with the community are available elsewhere when the need arises. <u>Café and Social Enterprise facility at the War Memorial Hall in Poulton</u> This facility is not considered key to the core activities and its facilities place it in commercial competition with other ratepayers. <u>Flat A 19 Heysham Road</u> The information and advice service to tenants of this one property is not something that ratepayers should be responsible for supporting and it is considered to be better financed via a service charge between landlord and tenants who are said to have low level needs of support.	
Is the decision URGENT Yes/NO Please delete as appropriate and give reasons for urgency below: <u>No</u>	
I CONFIRM THAT I HAVE BEEN CONSULTED ON THE ABOVE DECISION AND THAT IT IS URGENT AND REASONABLE IN ALL THE CIRCUMSTANCES. (IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 17 OF THE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES) SIGNATURE OF THE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY CHAIRMAN:	
N/A	

I confirm that I have taken account of the options proposed by officers, the various implications set out in the report and the comments of the Monitoring and Section 151 Officers and am authorising the decision as set out above.			
SIGNATURE OF DECISION TAKER:		J. Roger Mace	
DATE:		13/05/08	
THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY DEMOCRATIC SERVICES			REF NO. PD203
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DATE DECISION PUBLISHED:	15/05/08	IMPLEMENTATION DATE (publication day + 5 working days):	23/05/08

A copy of the report considered by the decision taker should be appended to this form and forwarded immediately to Democratic Services on completion.