



## **RATES REMISSIONS**

### **RATING OF COMMUNITY, SPORTING AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

#### **SECTION 85 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (RATING) ACT 2002**

- (1) A local authority may remit all or part of the rates on a rating unit (including penalties for unpaid rates) if –**
- (b) the local authority has adopted a remission policy under section 122XA of the Local Government Act 1974; and**
  - (c) the local authority is satisfied that the conditions and criteria in the policy are met.**
- (2) The local authority must give notice to the ratepayer identifying the remitted rates.**

#### **Objectives of the Policy**

- € To assist organisations providing non-business community and recreational services which meet the needs of residents.
- € To make membership of such organisations more accessible to the general public, particularly disadvantaged groups. These include children, youth, young families, aged people, and economically disadvantaged people.

#### **Conditions and Criteria**

- € Council may remit rates where land is owned by the Council, or owned and occupied by a charitable organisation, and is used exclusively or principally for sporting, recreation, or community purposes.
- € The policy will not apply to organisations operated for private pecuniary profit, or which charge commercial tuition fees.
- € The policy will not apply to groups or organisations whose primary purpose is to address the needs of adult members (over 18 years) for entertainment or social interaction, or who engage in recreational, sporting, or community services as a secondary purpose only.

- € The policy shall apply to such organisations as approved by the Corporate Services Manager and the Community Services Manager as meeting the relevant criteria.
- € The extent of any remission to any qualifying organisation shall be as determined by the Corporate Services Manager and the Community Services Manager. No remission will be granted in respect of those rates referred to in section 9 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 (that is, targeted rates for water supply, sewage disposal or waste collection).
- € The Corporate Services Manager has been delegated authority to grant or refuse remissions under this policy.
- € Any appeals against the decision of the Corporate Services Manager will be referred to the Planning and Finance Committee for final determination.