Dear Sir/Madam,

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Civic Affairs (Councillor D. Harvey) is to consider the following reports and make decisions on Wednesday, 24th July, 2013 at 3.00pm in Interview Room D, Town Hall, Nuneaton.

Yours faithfully,

ALAN FRANKS
Managing Director

AGENDA
PART 1
PUBLIC BUSINESS

1. EVACUATION PROCEDURE

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2. PUBLIC CONSULTATION - Members of the public will be given the opportunity to speak on specific agenda items if notice has been received.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - To receive declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests, in accordance with the Members’ Code of Conduct.

Note: Following the adoption of the new Code of Conduct, Members are reminded that they should declare the existence and nature of their personal interests at the commencement of the relevant item (or as soon as the interest becomes apparent). If that interest is a Disclosable Pecuniary or a Deemed Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, the Member must withdraw from the room.

Where a Member has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest but has received a dispensation from Standards Committee, that Member may vote and/or speak on the matter (as the case may be) and must disclose the existence of the dispensation and any restrictions placed on it at the time the interest is declared.

Where a Member has a Deemed Disclosable Interest as defined in the Code of Conduct, the Member may address the meeting as a member of the public as set out in the Code.

Note: Council Procedure Rules require Members with Disclosable Pecuniary Interests to withdraw from the meeting unless a dispensation allows them to remain to vote and/or speak on the business giving rise to the interest.

Where a Member has a Deemed Disclosable Interest, the Council’s Code of Conduct permits public speaking on the item, after which the Member is required by Council Procedure Rules to withdraw from the meeting.


6. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

RECOMMENDED

**THAT** under section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items, it being likely that there would be disclosure of exempt information of the description specified in paragraph 7 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act.

**PART 2**

**EXEMPT ITEMS**


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INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER DECISION

Report Summary Sheet

Date: 24th July 2013
Subject: Funding of Warwickshire Safeguarding Children's Board 2013/14
Portfolio: Finance and Civic Affairs (Councillor D. Harvey)
From: Director – Governance and Recreation

Summary: To agree the Council's financial contribution to the Warwickshire Safeguarding Children's Board (WSCB).

Recommendations:
It is recommended that option C is chosen and funding be approved for this financial year at the same level as previous years with a Service Level Agreement in place. However, funding for future years and the level of contribution should be reviewed taking into consideration the financial pressures placed on the Council and the funding to the WSCB.

Reasons: To maintain funding to the WSCB for this financial year (2013/2014)

Options:
A. Discontinue funding the WSCB be with immediate effect
B. Continue to fund the WSCB with a review of the level of financial contribution
C. Continue to fund the WSCB for this financial year at the same level as previous years

Subject to call-in: Yes
**Forward plan:** No

**Corporate priorities:**
- Aim 1, Priority 1
- Aim 1, Priority 4
- Aim 4, Priority 2

**Relevant statutes or policy:** Children's Act 2004

**Equality implications:** None identified.

**Human resources implications:** None identified.

**Financial implications:** If the recommendations are approved, this will be an expenditure of £2,052 towards the work of the WSCB.

**Health Inequalities Implications:** None identified.

**Section 17 - Crime and Disorder Implications:** None identified.

**Risk management implications:** None identified.

**Environmental implications:** None identified.

**Legal implications:** Local Authorities have a statutory requirement to be involved in the work of the WSCB. Section 11 of the Children’s Act 2004 compliance is a mandatory requirement for most organisations involved with children and young people.

**Contact details:** Craig Dicken, Equality and Child Protection Officer, 024 7637 6333.
AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to: Councillor D. Harvey – Wednesday 24th July 2013
From: Director – Governance and Recreation
Subject: Funding of Warwickshire Safeguarding Children's Board 2013/14
Portfolio: Finance and Civic Affairs (Councillor D. Harvey)

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 To agree the Council’s financial contribution to the Warwickshire Safeguarding Children's Board (WSCB).

2. Recommendations

2.1 It is recommended that option C is chosen and funding be approved for this financial year at the same level as previous years with a Service Level Agreement in place. However, funding for future years and the level of contribution should be reviewed taking into consideration the financial pressures placed on the Council and the funding to the WSCB.

3. Background

3.1 The Children's Act 2004 requires each local authority to set up a Local Safeguarding Children's Board for their area. In response to this, Warwickshire County Council set up the WSCB.

3.2 Local Authorities have a statutory requirement to be involved in the work of the WSCB. The other agencies that are members of the WSCB are:

- Coventry and Warwickshire CAFCASS
- Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership: Connexions
- NHS Warwickshire
- North Warwickshire Borough Council
- Rugby Borough Council
- Stratford District Council
- Warwick District Council
- Warwickshire County Council
- Warwickshire Domestic Abuse Services
- Warwickshire Police
3.3 Section 11 of the Children Act 2004 places a duty on key persons and bodies to make arrangements to ensure that in discharging their functions they have regard to the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. Section 11 compliance is a mandatory requirement for most organisations involved with children and young people.

3.4 Section 15 of the Children’s Act 2004 covers the funding of the WSCB. There is no statutory requirement for the Council to fund the WSCB, the legislation states that the Council ‘may make payments towards expenditure incurred by, or for purposes connected with, a Local Safeguarding Children Board’.

3.5 Under the main Board, there are eight Sub-Committees which are tasked to complete work plans and report back to the full Board when it meets. These subcommittees are:

- Child Death Review Process
- District Councils
- Health
- Performance, Evaluation and Monitoring
- Schools, Learning and Education
- Special Cases
- Strategy, Communication and Information
- Systems, Procedures and Guidelines
- Training

3.6 The WSCB mission statement is as follows:

- To ensure that sound arrangements are in place to protect children in Warwickshire.
- To safeguard children by contributing to the prevention of harm and the promotion of the welfare of children in Warwickshire.
- To achieve these objectives by promoting inter-agency cooperation and collaboration.

The strategic priorities of the WSCB for 2012-2015 are:

Strategic Priority 1: Create and maintain a learning system which builds on the achievements to date of the WSCB Training Strategy and within which the perspectives of the children and young people are at the heart of training.

Strategic Priority 2: Strengthening accountabilities by continuing to provide leadership and challenge on children’s safeguarding issues, holding agencies and other strategic bodies to account for the effectiveness of their safeguarding activity and provision in Warwickshire.
Strategic Priority 3: Promote effective practice by continuing to ensure that child protection systems and practices in Warwickshire are rooted in an evidence-based approach where the best available research and knowledge is consistently applied, informed by the perspectives and experiences of children and young people.

Strategic Priority 4: Promotion of early help for children, young people and families.

4. Future Funding options for the Council

4.1 For the last five years, the Council has been funding the work of the WSCB. This figure has been approximately £2,000 each financial year, which is the same amount contributed by other Districts in Warwickshire.

4.2 However, there has never been an official Council agreement to fund the WSCB. Due to the financial pressures faced by the Council, it is important that all expenditure by the Council is examined and approved.

4.3 The funding of the WSCB is as below:

Proposed Expenditure 2013-2014 (Total Expenditure for 2012-2013 in brackets)

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Total Proposed Expenditure: £217,067 (£189,304)

Proposed Agency Contributions 2013-2014 (Total Contribution for 2012-2013 in brackets)

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0.8% Connexions £ 1,025

Core Budget: £122,083 (£122,083)

W.C.C Learning and Development Contribution: £ 40,000

Total Budget: £162,083

* Training is one of the core functions of the board
** These amounts are included in the budget but only used if there is a Serious Case Review or any other Case Reviews required.

4.4 There are no known issues with funding the WSCB from the other Districts in Warwickshire.

4.5 The following funding options open to the Council for funding the WSCB are to:

A) Discontinue funding the WSCB be with immediate effect
B) Continue to fund the WSCB with a review of the level of financial contribution
C) Continue to fund the WSCB for this financial year at the same level as previous years

Timing is an issue with options A and B because budgets have already been set.

5. Statistics for the Council

5.1 The main support the Council receives from the WSCB is access to the training that it delivers.

5.2 The WSCB offers the following training courses:

- Child Protection Awareness Training
- Raising Awareness of Domestic Abuse and Harm to Children
- Working Together to Update on Child Protection and Improve Interagency Communication
- Effective Child Protection Planning and Core Group Working
- Domestic Abuse and Child Protection: Exploring Links Between Domestic Violence and Harm to Children
- Emotional Abuse: Identification and Case Management
- Understanding Attachment in Abuse and Neglect - Exploring the Multi Agency Response

5.3 Since January 2010, there have been 55 Council employees trained by the WSCB over the various courses it provides.
5.4 The WSCB also provides support and guidance to the Council when it reviews its Child Protection Policy as well as for other safeguarding issues.

Philip Richardson
## Report Summary Sheet

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### Summary:
To consider requests for Discretionary Rate Relief from charitable and other organisations and to approve or reject the applications. Details of applications are set out in appendices.

### Recommendations:
That for the reasons detailed in the reports, the following application for Discretionary Rate Relief be rejected:
- Emmaus Coventry & Warwickshire
- Shri Guru Teg Bahadar Gurdawa
- Doorway
- Nuneaton Muslim Educational Trust
- Rowan Organisation
- Together working for wellbeing
- Proton Foundation

### Reasons:
As set out in the individual reports

### Options:
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<td>Rate Relief under Sections 43, 44, 47 and 48 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (Mandatory and Discretionary Rate Relief)</td>
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1. **Purpose of Report**

To consider requests for Discretionary Rate Relief from charitable and other organisations and to approve or reject the applications. Details of the applications are set out in the appendices.

2. **Background**

2.1 Rate Relief under Section 43, 44, 47 and 48 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (Mandatory and Discretionary Rate Relief).

2.2 Mandatory rate relief of 80% of the Non-Domestic Rate (NDR) generally applies where:
   a) properties are occupied and used for charitable purposes by charities and almshouses;
   b) shops are used by charities and the proceeds from sales (after deductions of any expenses) are applied for the purposes of the charity.

2.3 Charitable organisations, which qualify for the mandatory rate relief of 80% from the non-domestic rates, may also apply to the Council for additional discretionary rate relief. Upon application, the Council will consider any such case and has the discretion to grant additional rate relief up to a further 20% of the total non-domestic rates payable.

2.4 Certain other similar organisations, which are not established or conducted for profit and which do not qualify for mandatory rate relief of 80%, may also apply to the council for discretionary rate relief. Upon application, the Council will consider any such case and has the discretion to grant rate relief of any amount up to 100% of the total non-domestic rates payable.
2.5 With effect from 1st April 2013 Business Rate retention has resulted in the funding of mandatory rate relief and discretionary rate relief being amended and is no longer subject to pooling arrangements. The Authority is currently undertaking a consultation regarding proposed changes to guidelines for considering discretionary rate reliefs with effect from 1st April 2014.

3. **Applications**

3.1 Applications have been received from the following charitable and other organisations, summary details and recommendations are set out in the appendices:

Appendix A: Emmaus Coventry & Warwickshire
Appendix B: Shri Guru Teg Bahadar Gurdawa
Appendix C: Doorway
Appendix D: Nuneaton Muslim Educational Trust
Appendix E: Rowan Organisation
Appendix F: Together working for wellbeing
Appendix G: Proton Foundation

4. **Financial Implications**

4.1 The amount of the discretionary relief applied for, and recommended, and the associated costs to the Council are set out in Appendix H.

5. **Recommendations**

That, for the reasons detailed in the reports, the following applications for Discretionary Rate Relief be:

a) approved: None

b) rejected: Emmaus Coventry & Warwickshire
Shri Guru Teg Bahadar Gurdawa
Doorway
Nuneaton Muslim Educational Trust
Rowan Organisation
Together working for wellbeing
Proton Foundation

**SIMONE DONAGHY**
DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF

Emmaus Coventry & Warwickshire

Ward Relevance:
Abbay

Address               Description
2A Market Place       Shop & Premises
Nuneaton

Charge                £
02/01/13 – 31/03/13   3631.54
01/04/13 – 31/03/14   14365.50
Less Mandatory Rate Relief  (14397.63)  3599.41

Aims and Objects of Organisation
“The alleviation and relief of poverty and hardship and distress arising therefrom to those in need without distinction”,

Accounts
Financial statements for the year ended 30th June 2012 have been submitted.

Cost to Nuneaton and Bedworth Taxpayers
If the full amount of discretionary rate relief were granted, the cost to the taxpayers of Nuneaton and Bedworth would be £3599.41

Commentary
The premises at 2A Market Place Nuneaton are used as a charity shop. Similar applications from charitable organisations for discretionary rate relief have previously been refused as the trading activities do not appear to solely benefit the residents of the Borough.

Recommendation
That no discretionary rate relief be granted.
DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF

Shri Guru Teg Bahadar Gurdawa

**Ward Relevance:**
Abbey

**Address**
Unit 2, Marlborough Road, Nuneaton

**Description**
Workshop & Premises (Under revision)

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**Aims and Objects of Organisation**
The charitable objects, as stated on the Charity Commission’s website, are:
“(1) To advance the Sikh religion in Warwickshire for the benefit of the public through the holding of prayer meetings, seminars, public celebration of religious festivals and by such other means as the trustees may determine to enlighten others about the Sikh religion, and (2) such charitable purposes for the public benefit as are exclusively charitable according to the laws of England and Wales as the trustees may from time to time determine”.

**Accounts**
Unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2010 have been submitted with the application. (On the Charity Commission’s website, ‘no information available’ is stated under ‘Financial History’)

**Cost to Nuneaton and Bedworth Taxpayers**
If the full amount of discretionary rate relief were granted, the cost to the taxpayers of Nuneaton and Bedworth would be £2276.05

**Commentary**
The premises on which rate relief is sought is used as a place of religious worship. Such assessments are usually exempt from rating, providing the owner applies for a certificate stating as such. Once the certificate is obtained and submitted to the Valuation Office, the assessment can be deleted from the rating list, thus incurring no charges for non domestic rates. It is our understanding that the applicant has not followed this process, despite being told of the procedure by the Valuation Office during November 2012.

**Recommendation**
That no discretionary rate relief be granted on the basis that the applicant should be encouraged to get the assessment exempt from rating. This will prevent the cost of granting any discretionary rate relief from falling on the residents of the Borough.
Appendix C

DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF

Doorway

Ward Relevance:
Wembrook

Address                     Description
1) 25 Dugdale Street, Nuneaton      Offices & Premises
2) Gnd Floor, 25-27 Dugdale Street, Nuneaton  Offices & Premises

Charges
25 Dugdale Street: 25-27 Dugdale Street:
01/11/12 – 31/03/13  918.95  767.37
01/04/13 – 31/03/14  2284.35  1907.55
Less Mandatory Rate Relief  (2562.64)  (2139.94)
                          640.66  534.98

Aims and Objects of Organisation
“ To relieve hardship, need and distress among young people in the County of Warwickshire and surrounding counties (including specifically the areas covered by Coventry City Council; Tamworth Borough Council; Lichfield District Council; Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council; Birmingham City Council and East Staffordshire Borough Council), in particular those between 16 and 25 years who are homeless or threatened with homelessness.”

Accounts
Financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2012 have been submitted.

Cost to Nuneaton and Bedworth Taxpayers
If the full amount of discretionary rate relief were granted, the cost to the taxpayers of Nuneaton and Bedworth would be £1175.64

Commentary
The premises at Dugdale Street are the applicant’s only offices which serve their administration functions as well as acting as a drop-in centre for homeless young people. They currently support 71 clients, 65 of which are in the Nuneaton and Bedworth district. (The remaining 6 clients are from within the Warwickshire area, i.e. North Warwickshire, Stratford or Rugby, as accommodation is only offered within Warwickshire).

Recommendation
That no discretionary rate relief be granted.
DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF

Nuneaton Muslim Educational Trust

Ward Relevance:
Abbey

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Aims and Objects of Organisation
The charitable objects of the organisation are:

a) to advance the education of the public, in particular amongst Muslims, including the provision of a nursery and schools;
b) to promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of Nuneaton and the surrounding area the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the conditions of life of the said inhabitants;
c) any other charitable purpose for the benefit of the inhabitants of Nuneaton and the surrounding area as the Trustees shall think fit.

Accounts
A report and accounts for the year ended 31st August 2011 have been submitted with the application. (The accounts for 2011/12 are still being currently audited).

Cost to Nuneaton and Bedworth Taxpayers
If the full amount of discretionary rate relief were granted, the cost to the taxpayers of Nuneaton and Bedworth would be £688.82

Commentary
The annual report for the year ended 31st August 2011 stated that the Trust operates House of Light Nursery and Primary School which has expanded each year to include Reception, Years 1 and 2. The school was registered as an independent school with the Department of Education in 2009. Fees for full time pupils were £750 per annum and charged for pupils in year 1 and above.

Recommendation
That no discretionary rate relief be granted as other educational establishments which are entitled to mandatory rate relief in the Borough do not receive discretionary rate relief.
DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF

Rowan Organisation

Ward Relevance:
Arbury

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Aims and Objects of Organisation
The principal purpose of the organisation is to support disabled people to further their independence. The applicant states: “We are also committed to the empowerment of disabled people by supporting them to overcome the barriers, both physical and attitudinal which prevents them from being in control of their lives. The provision of direct payments support services enables disabled people to live independently with or without some assistance within the community which makes a significant difference to their quality of life. We provide Support Planning and Brokerage Service, Direct Payments Support Services (Independent Living Schemes), Advice & Information Services, Salary Services, Managed Accounts, Training, Recruitment line, CR8 vetting service and Personal Assistant registers. Our current area of operation covers England and Wales”.

Accounts
Reports and financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2012 have been obtained from the Charity Commission’s website.

Cost to Nuneaton and Bedworth Taxpayers
If the full amount of discretionary rate relief were granted, the cost to the taxpayers of Nuneaton and Bedworth would be £1523.56

Commentary
The applicant currently occupies four separate assessments within the Eliot Park Innovation Centre. As a registered charity, the applicant is automatically entitled to receive 80% mandatory rate relief on each of these. They have previously applied for discretionary rate relief on three of the assessments which has resulted in a further 5% rate relief awarded. This application is in respect of the fourth assessment.

Recommendation
That no further relief be granted on the basis that relief has already been awarded on three of the assessments and the applicant’s accounts are showing total available funds in excess of £260,000
DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF

Together Working for Wellbeing

Ward Relevance:
Arbury

Address: EP1, 12
Eliot Park Innovation Centre,
4 Barling Way
Nuneaton

Description: Offices & Premises

Charge: £
01/06/13 – 31/03/14 1627.98
Less Mandatory Rate Relief (1302.38)
325.60

Aims and Objects of Organisation:
“To promote and assist in the relief of persons suffering, or at risk of suffering from mental ill-health of any description or in need of rehabilitation as a result of such a condition, in particular by: the promotion of mental health and the provision of support to people in the maintenance and recovery of this. The support of carers, families and friends of people who experience mental ill-health in their caring role and in maintaining their own mental health. The advancement of the understanding of mental health and mental ill-health through the education of people who use mental health services, carers, families and friends of those who experience mental ill-health, mental health professionals and the wider public. The promotion of best practice and policies in sustaining mental health and alleviating mental ill-health locally, nationally and elsewhere. To promote research into mental health and publish the results of such research.”

Accounts:
The annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2012 have been submitted with the application. The balance sheet shows the applicant has total funds in excess of £9.5 million.

Cost to Nuneaton and Bedworth Taxpayers:
If the full amount of discretionary rate relief were granted, the cost to the taxpayers of Nuneaton and Bedworth would be £325.60

Commentary:
The applicant has stated that the premises at Barling Way, Nuneaton are office accommodation “used to support a scheme for people with mental health needs”. The applicant is a national charity and operates throughout England.

Recommendation:
That no additional discretionary rate relief be granted.
DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF

Proton Foundation

Ward Relevance:
Arbury

Address:  
EPG 11 & EP1 16
Eliot Park Innovation Centre,
4 Barling Way
Nuneaton

Description:  
Offices & Premises (both)

Charge:  
£
£

EPG 11:  
01/09/12 – 28/02/13  658.29

EP1 16:  
01/03/13 – 31/03/13  158.61
01/04/13 – 31/03/14  1917.30

2734.20

Less Mandatory Rate Relief  
(2187.36)

546.84

Aims and Objects of Organisation:
The applicant’s objects are:
(a) To develop the capacity and skills of the members of socially disadvantaged communities in such a way that they are better to identify and help meet their needs and to participate more fully in society by such means and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees may from time to time think fit;
(b) To relieve financial hardship by such means and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time think fit;
(c) To promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential as individuals, responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities by such means and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit.

Accounts:
The annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2011 have been submitted with the application. Total funds are shown as £53k

Cost to Nuneaton and Bedworth Taxpayers:
If the full amount of discretionary rate relief were granted, the cost to the taxpayers of Nuneaton and Bedworth would be £546.84

Commentary:
The Charity works locally, nationally and internationally to fulfil its aims and objectives. It focuses on development work, i.e. looking to create projects to help ex-offenders, abused women etc. and frequently works in partnership with other bodies. It delivers educational programmes, i.e. in the Walsall area and has been running various training courses for the last 6 years. They will travel to other parts of the country to work if opportunities arise.

The Barling Way premises are the Charity’s only office accommodation although they do occupy a retail (charity) shop in Coventry.

Recommendation:
That no additional discretionary rate relief be granted.
## DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF APPLICATIONS

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