

<b>Report to Cabinet Member for:</b>	Regulatory, Compliance and Corporate Services	<b>Date of Issue:</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> January 2022
		<b>Date of Decision:</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> January 2022
<b>Subject:</b>	Application for Discretionary Rate Relief		
<b>Report of:</b>	The Executive Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services	<b>Wards Affected:</b>	Netherton & Orrell
<b>Is this a Key Decision:</b>	No	<b>Included in Forward Plan:</b>	No
<b>Exempt / Confidential Report:</b>	NO - but the Appendices to the report are NOT FOR PUBLICATION by virtue of Para 1, Part 1 of Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972. The Public Interest Test has been applied and favours the exclusion of the information from the press and public.		

## Summary

This report seeks consideration to award discretionary rate relief to a non-profit making organisation under the provisions of section 47 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (as amended by section 69 of the Localism Act 2011).

## Recommendation

That the Cabinet Member approves the application from Elevate EBP Ltd for 80% discretionary rate relief for the financial year 2021-2022 amounting to £7,784.40.

## Reasons for the Recommendation

Elevate EBP Ltd is providing a valuable service to the residents of Sefton by working with businesses, schools, colleges, and training providers to provide a range of employability services and opportunities. Their aim is to support schools and colleges in their delivery of careers guidance work related learning and enterprise education. They facilitate this through numerous activities including work experience, application form/CV workshops, practice interviews, business and enterprise activities, 'Meet the Professionals', higher education tasters, careers fairs, first aid courses, student training, and financial literacy activities.

Under rate retention, 99% of discretionary rate relief must borne by the Council and 1% by the Fire Authority.

A discretionary rate relief award for 2021-2022 will go some way to securing the long term viability of the organisation.

**Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:** (including any Risk Implications)

The ratepayer has applied for 80% discretionary rate relief to reduce their rate liability at Offices 2-3, Ground Floor, Sefton House, Bridle Road, Bootle, L30 4XR.  
The discretionary rate relief application can be refused or a different percentage of relief granted, as shown in the table below: -

2021-2022	25% Relief	50% Relief	75% Relief	100% Relief
Reduction in Non-Domestic Rates Income	£2,432.63	£4,865.25	£7,297.88	£9,730.50
Funded by Sefton funded Resources 99%	£2,408.30	£4,816.60	£7,224.90	£9,633.20
Funded by Fire Authority 1%	£24.33	£48.65	£72.98	£97.30

**What will it cost and how will it be financed?****(A) Revenue Costs**

Elevate EBP Ltd has applied for 80% discretionary rate relief for the financial year 2021-2022 amounting to £7,784.40.

The table below illustrates total expenditure if relief is granted as requested and how it will be funded: -

	Reduction in Non-Domestic Rates Income	Funded by Sefton 99%	Funded by Fire Authority 1%
2021 -2022	£7,784.40	£7,706.56	£77.84

**(B) Capital Costs**

None

**Implications of the Proposals:**

<b>Resource Implications (Financial, IT, Staffing and Assets):</b>
None
<b>Legal Implications:</b>

None	
<b>Equality Implications:</b>	
There are no equality implications	
<b>Climate Emergency Implications:</b>	
The recommendations within this report will	
Have a positive impact	N
Have a neutral impact	Y
Have a negative impact	N
The Author has undertaken the Climate Emergency training for report authors	Y
There are no Climate Emergency implications.	

**Contribution to the Council's Core Purpose:**

Protect the most vulnerable:
Facilitate confident and resilient communities:  The organisation aims to build skills/enterprise in school age children by engaging with businesses and organising workshops/placements/training.
Commission, broker and provide core services:
Place – leadership and influencer:
Drivers of change and reform:
Facilitate sustainable economic prosperity:
Greater income for social investment:
Cleaner Greener:

**What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?**

**(A) Internal Consultations**

The Executive Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services (FD 6590/21) and the Chief Legal and Democratic Officer (LD 4791/21) have been consulted and have no comments on the report.

**(B) External Consultations**

Not applicable

## Implementation Date for the Decision

Following the expiry of the “call-in” period for the Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting

<b>Contact Officer:</b>	<b>Mark Barry, Collection &amp; Recovery Manager</b>
Telephone Number:	0151 934 4361
Email Address:	<a href="mailto:mark.barry@sefton.gov.uk">mark.barry@sefton.gov.uk</a>