

Rate remissions on unoccupied property

OBJECTIVE

Council's policy relating to approving rate remissions on unoccupied property.

MINUTE NO(S)

27/2009 – 27.01.2009

APPROVED

“That the Council retain its current policy in relation to service charges payable on an unoccupied flat where the flat is contained within the cartilage of a dwelling.”

BACKGROUND

The *Local Government Act 1993 (Section 129)* provides that a ratepayer may apply to the Council for remission of all or part of any rates paid or payable.

The original resolution adopted by Council, at its meeting on 30 October 1995, (Minute No. 530/1995):

‘That:

- (i) the Council, with effect from 1 July 1995, approve the rating for services on a house and flat in which the flat is a part of the curtilage of the dwelling, as a single tenement upon the production by the owner each year of a statutory declaration to the effect that the flat is not being let and/or used as a single dwelling place separate to the principal dwelling house and that any second power connection has been removed;
- (ii) such statutory declaration is to be lodged with the Council within the time approved for the granting of discount;
- (iii) any difficult decision as to whether a rating adjustment is granted is to rest with the Council.’

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Archived Minute No.s: 530/1995 – 30.10.1995; 68/1997 – 24.2.1997; and
324/2001 – 13.8.2001

REVIEW DATE

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