

INTRODUCTION

Like most businesses Aragon Housing Association and South Northants Homes regularly receive requests from charitable bodies and local community organisations for donations or sponsorship and a framework has been agreed in order to formalise our policy in dealing with such requests.

POLICY STATEMENT

When considering requests for support, one or more of the following criteria will be applied:

- i) the Associations' tenants or prospective tenants should receive a direct or indirect benefit from the donation and the charity or organisation should be based in or operate in the same geographical area(s) as Aragon HA and South Northants Homes.
- ii) the donation should support the wider social housing movement and/or the local community(s) in which Aragon HA and South Northants Homes operate.

OBJECTIVES

The Rules of the Associations provide that they "*shall have power to help any charity or non profit making body in relation to housing*".

The aims of the policy are to:

- i) improve community spirit and involvement of residents;
- ii) support fund raising initiatives which benefit tenants;
- iii) raise the profile of social housing and the importance of housing in people's lives.

The benefits will include raising the profile of the Grand Union Housing Group and its subsidiaries and helping to create goodwill.

The policy also supports the Group's involvement in the NHF's iN business for neighbourhoods initiative.

HOUSING CORPORATION REGULATORY CODE AND GUIDANCE

N/A

RELEVANT KEY LINES OF ENQUIRY (KLOEs)

KLOE 5 – Resident Involvement
KLOE 30 – Access & Customer Care
KLOE 31 – Diversity

OTHER RELATED POLICIES

Community Development Strategy
Standing Orders
Financial Regulations
Equality and Diversity Policy

PROCEDURE

Requests for donations will be made using the standard Donation Request Form, which is available on request from the relevant Community Development Team or from the relevant website. All requests will firstly be considered by the nominated Officer and then submitted to the appropriate Customer Committee for its consideration. The nominated Officer will make a recommendation to the Customer Committee on whether or not the request complies with the policy and also on the amount to be provided.

MONITORING

The policy will be monitored on an annual basis at the end of the financial year with a report to each of the Customer Committees.

Equality Impact Assessment carried out:	Initial screen
Person responsible for review	Community Development Manager
Date of review	May 2009
Date of next review:	May 2010