## Olveston Parish Council's Policy on Donations to Charity

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The Council, of course, is funded by public money so we are very careful about the selection of charities, which should generally be registered ones in order to qualify. Requests, usually made in writing, are considered and voted on by the full Council after applying some sensible criteria first. Our interest is always in the welfare of the Parish and donations usually are only made to those charities whose work is connected with the Parish, of interest to parishioners or of some benefit to them.

If we consider any National charities, only those whose work directly affects people within the Parish will be approved and even then a local branch would be preferred as our line of contact. As our decisions are included in our monthly meetings' minutes and these are published (one month in arrears) on the website, you can always see for yourselves who actually receives money and who does not.

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