

## Application for rent discount under the council's property lettings and disposals to the third sector, voluntary and community groups policy

Assessment carried out on 7 November 2013 by:

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<b>Name of Organisation:</b>	Gloucester and District Citizens Advice Bureau
<b>Registered Charity?</b>	Yes: 1044706
<b>Does the organisation have a paying membership?</b>	No
<b>Name /address of property</b>	3 St. Georges Place Cheltenham

<b>Based on their Business Plan, what contribution does this organisation make to the Council's Corporate Strategy and/or Cheltenham's Sustainable Community Strategy?</b>	<b>Which objectives does the Organisation significantly contribute towards?  (Tick and give reasons where appropriate)</b>	<b>Does the business plan show how these activities are sustainable?</b>	<b>% subsidy awarded</b>
Objective 1: Enhancing & protecting our environment (includes investing in environmental quality, investing in travel and transport and promoting sustainable living)	No, the panel were not convinced that the organisation will make a contribution to the environment objective	N/A	0
Objective 2: Strengthening our economy	Yes: 58% of CAB clients face debt issues, 7% of clients needed help with employment related disputes and 22% with benefit claims errors. CAB's success in these areas increases client's pending power and therefore the local economy.	Yes, the income and expenditure accounts for 2013, show that the organisation will make a projected surplus of £20k in 2013-14.	20%
Objective 3: Strengthening our communities (includes promoting community safety, promoting housing choice, building healthier communities and supporting older people)	Yes: CAB works with volunteers and community groups to provide advice on a range of issues. Often these events relate to housing issues in the private, RSL ALMO and HA sectors. Issues can range from avoiding repossession and/or voluntary homelessness to deposit recovery and neighbour disputes.	as above	20%
Objective 4: Enhancing the provision of arts and culture	No.	N/A	0%
Objective 5: A focus on children and young people i.e. where One or all of the following outcomes for	Yes: 13% of all CAB clients are young people aged between 16 and 24. CAB also provide the following to	as above	20%

<p>children and young people are met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Be healthy</li> <li>-Stay safe</li> <li>-Enjoy &amp; Achieve</li> <li>-Making a positive contribution</li> <li>- Achieving economic well-being</li> </ul>	<p>support young people:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working closely with Young Gloucestershire and provide a fortnightly outreach,</li> <li>• Maintaining a presence in a number of Children's Centres in Cheltenham</li> <li>• Developing a Financial Capability courses for children and young people in schools,</li> <li>• Working closely with local DWPs to provide an 8 week work placement for the under 25s.</li> <li>• Working with the National Star College (NSC) to provide an on-site advise service and an adviser training programme for NSC students.</li> </ul>		
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**As agreed by the Cabinet in July 2010, a further 20% discount is available to any charity renting council property = 80% in total**

<b>State Aid avoidance checklist:</b>	
<b>Is the proposed tenant a not for profit organisation?</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Is the use of the building for a community purpose?</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Are the activities carried out by the organisation of local interest only?</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**Recommendation:**

**The panel recommends that Cabinet offer an 80% rental discount off the market rent to Gloucester and District Citizens Advice Bureau.**