

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 31 March 2014 by:

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Name of Organisation:	10 th Cheltenham All Saints Scout Group
Registered Charity?	Yes; 10251252
Does the organisation have a paying membership?	No
Name /address of property	Scout HQ Central Cross Drive Cheltenham
Current rent	£300 per annum proposed to increase to a market rent of £630

Based on their Business Plan, what contribution does this organisation make to the Council's Corporate Strategy and/or Cheltenham's Sustainable Community Strategy?	Which objectives does the Organisation significantly contribute towards? (Tick and give reasons where appropriate)	Does the business plan show how these activities are sustainable? Yes	% subsidy awarded
Objective 1: Enhancing & protecting our environment (includes investing in environmental quality, investing in travel and transport and promoting sustainable living)	Yes – the organisation significantly contributes to the environment of Cheltenham; though many activities cubs and scouts learn to be more environmentally aware through the group Environmental Badge. Also the group encourage low environmental impact camping and have raised money for Water Aid.	<i>Yes, the financial statements show that the organisation has a secure financial future and that it can all planned activities</i>	20
Objective 2: Strengthening our economy	No – Limited contribution although there is a link between participation in cubs and scouts and their longer term economic well being.		0
Objective 3: Strengthening our communities (includes promoting community safety, promoting housing choice, building healthier communities and supporting older people)	Yes – the organisation makes a significant contribution to local community life; the group brings together many young people from a wide range of communities to work as a team – 8 different primary schools and 9 different secondary schools. The group have contributed 6 days to local community projects, worked with the Friends of Pittville on the time capsule project for Puttville Gates, and raised funds for charities such as Help for Heroes and St. Vincents.	as above	20

Objective 4: Enhancing the provision of arts and culture	No – Limited contribution although the group does participate in gang shows and sing as a choir.		0
Objective 5: A focus on children and young people i.e. where One or all of the following outcomes for children and young people are met: -Be healthy -Stay safe -Enjoy & Achieve -Making a positive contribution - Achieving economic well-being	Yes, the organisation makes a significant contribution to positive outcomes for children and young people and undertakes activities to improve their sense of self worth and confidence, a number of members have learning challenges and their progress in scouting has been a major factor in helping them build confidence. There is a strong focus on healthy lifestyles such as Duke of Edinburgh award and kayaking. Being a church sponsored group there is a focus on developing the individual's spiritual and ethical wellbeing.	as above	20

As agreed by the Cabinet in July 2010, a further 20% discount is available to any charity renting council property = 80%

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

Recommendation:

That 10th Cheltenham All Saints Scout Group are awarded a rental discount of 80%.