

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 10 March 2014 by:

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Name of Organisation:	1 st Hatherley Scouts
Registered Charity?	Yes; 1025077
Does the organisation have a paying membership?	No
Name /address of property	Hatherley Scout Hut Penrith Road Hatherley Cheltenham
Current rent	£160 per annum proposed to increase to a market rent of £1,750

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, be that thought exploring the local environment or by undertaking a conservation badge whereby they have to undertake projects relating to recycling, conservation, litter picking in Hatherley Park.	Yes, the financial statements show that the organisation has a secure financial future and that it can all planned activities	20
Objective 2: Strengthening our economy	No - Cubs and scouts do undertake some badges that have relate to the local economy but there is no evidence of a significant contribution to the local economy.		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; being an active colony with 152 members there are a large number of leaders, parent helpers, and committee members all working on a voluntary basis to support the organisation. The	as above	20

	<p>organisation also hosts social events to bring parents together.</p> <p>The cubs and scouts themselves involve themselves in local community life undertaking community service, bag packing in local supermarkets, and clearing snow for older people.</p>		
Objective 4: Enhancing the provision of arts and culture	No - Cubs and scouts do undertake some badges that have relate to arts and culture but there is no evidence of a significant contribution		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	<p>Yes, the organisation makes a significant contribution to positive outcomes for children and young people and undertakes activities that support the following outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • being healthy • staying safe • enjoying and achieving • making a positive contribution • achieving economic 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 1st Hatherley Scouts are awarded a rental discount of 80%.