

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

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Name of Organisation:	Gloucestershire Mentoring and Support CIC
Registered Charity?	No
Does the organisation have a paying membership?	No
Name / address of property	Ron Smith Pavilion Springbank Way Cheltenham GL51 0LG
Current rent	None at the moment

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?	% subsidy awarded
Objective 1: Enhancing & protecting our environment (includes investing in environmental quality, investing in travel and transport and promoting sustainable living)	Yes, there is strong evidence that the proposed use will improve and enhance the environment; the occupier will improve the look of the building including new glazing and security shutters, activities run from the centre will help local people enjoy using the local park in which the building is sited.	Yes, although GMAS was only founded in Oct 2013, the draft accounts for 15-16 show that the organisation will run a small surplus and that this will be directed to its reserves.	20
Objective 2: Strengthening our economy	The panel reviewed the revised evidence submitted by the applicant. The panel were happy that there is now evidence that the proposal will support the local economy; the café will employ local residents, an apprenticeship will be created, plus the refurbishment of the pavilion will help further regenerate the local area.	As above	20

Objective 3: Strengthening our communities (includes promoting community safety, promoting housing choice, building healthier communities and supporting older people)	Yes, there is strong evidence that the proposed use strengthen the local Springbank community; the building will be used to provide a safe space for local young people, with the café use also being used by other sections in the community.	As above	20
Objective 4: Enhancing the provision of arts and culture	No evidence supplied.	N/A	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, there is strong evidence that the proposed use will support local children and young people. The occupier will deliver a range of youth activities from the building that will enable local young people to lead healthier lives, stay safe, make a positive contribution and achieve economic wellbeing.	As above	20
Total			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 Gloucestershire Mentoring and Support CIC be awarded a rental discount of 80% for their occupation of the Ron Smith Pavilion