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:	Charlton Kings Youth & Community Centre
Registered Charity?	294545
Does the organisation have a paying membership?	No
Name / address of property	Kings Hall Church Piece Charlton Kings Cheltenham
Current rent	£175 per annum proposed to increase to a market rent of £800 pa
This the ground rent – the building itself is owned by the Charity	

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	Does the business plan show how these activities are sustainable? Yes	% subsidy awarded
	where appropriate)		
Objective 1: Enhancing & protecting our environment (includes investing in environmental quality, investing in travel and transport and promoting sustainable living)	No; although the hall does get used for plant sales and for fund-raising activities that support local In-Bloom activities but there was no evidence that the organisation makes a significant contribution to enhancing and protecting the environment	N/A	0
Objective 2: Strengthening our economy	No; although the hall does provide an affordable space for local businesses and that celebrations and the like may generate additional income for local caterers, but there was no evidence that the organisation makes a significant contribution to the local economy.	N/A	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 hall is used by the local amateur dramatic group, dog-training, plant sales and a range of keep-fit activities. It is also used for celebrations, voting,	Yes, the financial statements show that the organisation has a reasonably secure financial future and that it can all planned activities	20

	and social interaction		
Objective 4: Enhancing the provision of arts and culture	No; although the hall does get used by local amateur dramatic group and by a preschool dancing club, there was no evidence that the organisation makes a significant contribution to enhancing the provision of arts and culture.	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 wellbeing	Yes, the organisation makes a significant contribution to positive outcomes for children and young people and undertakes activities that support the following outcomes: Staying safe Being healthy Enjoying and achieving Making a positive contribution Achieving economic wellbeing	As above	20
			40%

As agreed by the Cabinet in July 2010, a further 20% discount is available to any charity renting council property = 60% in total

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 Charlton Kings Youth & Community Centre be awarded a rental discount of 60%