

Appendix 2

Application for Discretionary Rate Relief

An application for Discretionary Rate Relief has been received from Weymouth Museum Trust in respect of their properties at Brewers Quay, Weymouth.

The ratepayer is a registered charity and receives 80% Mandatory Rate Relief. The application is for 20% Discretionary Rate Relief to be awarded in addition to the Mandatory Rate Relief received.

In support of their application, the Trust has advised that:

1. Its properties are used as a Museum and a Museum shop.
2. It is not a membership organisation and the Museum is open to all.
3. Entry to the Museum costs £1 for adults and no charge for children.
4. The Trust has 8 Trustees and approximately 40 volunteers. All of the Trustees live within the Borough as do around 90% of the volunteers.
5. It provides facilities which directly relieve the Council from doing so (i.e. Museum and storage of the Borough collection).
6. Its accounts for the year ended 30/11/15 show an income of £3,702 against expenditure of £3,564. The income was mainly derived from entry fees, sales and grants.

The Balance Sheet shows reserves of £4,471.

The Council is required to meet 40% of the cost of any relief awarded. As the rates liability to 31 March 2017 totals £1,952.78, the cost of awarding 20% Discretionary Rate Relief would be £781.11.