

Applications for Discretionary Rate Relief

Name of applicant	Weymouth Community Volunteers
Address of property concerned	104D St Mary Street, Weymouth
What are the aims and objectives of the organisation?	To promote any charitable purpose for the benefit of the community in the area. As part of this, the charity will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advise and support persons willing to volunteer • Promote volunteering and community involvement and provide a centre • Advise and support organisations which involve and are willing to involve volunteers in their charitable activities.
Is membership open to all sections of the community? How much is the membership fee?	Yes No fee is charged
Does the organisation provide training and education to its members? Are its facilities open to non members?	Yes
How does the organisation raise income? What funds are held?	Donations, grants fundraising and retail. The accounts for the year ended 31/08/16 show that income totalled £129,106 and expenditure £147,851. The applicant had reserves of £35,445 as at 31/08/16. This is broken down into £13,572 unrestricted funds and £21,873 that is restricted.
What would be the cost to	The property occupied by the charity is a shop which is being used to sell donated goods. The

the Council if relief was awarded	<p>applicant already receives 80% Mandatory Rate Relief and is applying for Discretionary Rate Relief to be awarded from the date they moved into the shop (i.e. 05/09/17). If Discretionary Rate Relief was awarded in respect of the charges from 05/09/17 (i.e. £1,843.29 in respect of 17/18 and £3,264.06 in respect of 18/19), the cost to the Council would be £2,042.94.</p> <p>The Council has considered a number of Discretionary Rate Relief applications from charity shops in the past but has always decided to refuse the requests on the basis that it would not be in the Council Taxpayer's interest to make the award.</p>
Name of applicant	WOW Youth Musical Theatre
Address of property concerned	25-27 Park Street, Weymouth
What are the aims and objectives of the organisation?	To educate young persons between the ages of 10-18 in the dramatic and musical arts, and to donate funds, when considered possible or practical, for charitable purposes.
Is membership open to all sections of the community? How much is the membership fee?	<p>Yes within the age range 10-18</p> <p>£120 per annum</p>
Does the organisation provide training and education to its members? Are its facilities open to non members?	<p>Yes, up to 3 evenings per week</p> <p>Yes, on occasions</p>
How does the organisation raise income? What funds are held?	<p>Mainly through productions.</p> <p>The accounts for the year ended 31/03/17 show income of £82,861 against expenditure of £78,757. Reserves at 31/03/17 total £194,926, which mainly comprise of fixed assets of £138,748.</p>

What would be the cost to the Council if relief was awarded	<p>The applicant already receives 80% Mandatory Rate Relief and is applying for Discretionary Rate Relief to be awarded from 01/04/18. The charge (after Mandatory Rate Relief has been applied) is £581.74.</p> <p>If Discretionary Rate Relief was awarded in respect of the charge of £581.74, the cost to the Council would be £232.70.</p>
Name of applicant	The Marine Society & Sea Cadets
Address of property concerned	Sea Cadets Training Centre, Barrack Road, Weymouth and Dinghy Park, Nothe Parade, Weymouth
What are the aims and objectives of the organisation?	To promote the development of young people in achieving their physical, intellectual and social potential as individuals and as responsible citizens by the provision of education and leisure time activities using a nautical theme. Also, to advance the education of seafarers.
Is membership open to all sections of the community? How much is the membership fee?	Yes
Does the organisation provide training and education to its members? Are its facilities open to non members?	<p>Yes</p> <p>The facilities are used by other organisations such as local Air Cadets, Girl Guides, etc</p>
How does the organisation raise income? What funds are held?	<p>Through voluntary contributions and MOD grant.</p> <p>The accounts for the period ended 31 March 2017 shows that income for the year was £16.9m against expenditure of £16.8m. Reserves at 31 March 2017 totalled £29.4m of which £11.975m related to restricted funds.</p>
What would be the cost to the Council if relief was awarded	The applicant already receives 80% Mandatory Rate Relief and is applying for Discretionary Rate Relief to be awarded. The charge (after Mandatory Rate Relief has been applied) is £24,819.85.

	If Discretionary Rate Relief was awarded in respect of the charge of £24,819.85, the cost to the Council would be £9,927.94.
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