

Applications for Discretionary Rate Relief

Name of applicant	British Heart Foundation (BHF)
Address of property concerned	34 St Mary Street, Weymouth
What are the aims and objectives of the organisation?	The BHF seeks to play a leading role in the fight against disease of the heart and circulation so that it is no longer a major cause of disability and premature death.
Is membership open to all sections of the community?	Not applicable
How much is the membership fee?	Not applicable
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 31/03/17 show that income totalled £349.5m and expenditure £317m. The applicant had reserves of £78.7m as at 31/03/17 of which £54.2m was unrestricted.
What would be the cost to the Council if relief was awarded	The property occupied by the charity is a shop which is being used to sell donated goods. The applicant already receives 80% Mandatory Rate Relief and is applying for Discretionary Rate Relief to be awarded in respect of the remaining 20%. If Discretionary Rate Relief was awarded in respect of the 20%, the cost to the Council would be £1,183.20 (i.e. 40% of £2,958.00).

	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.
Name of applicant	The Bus Shelter Dorset
Address of property concerned	Car Park, Preston Road, Weymouth
What are the aims and objectives of the organisation?	To relieve the need of people who are rough sleeping in Dorset by providing shelter, warmth, food and support
Is membership open to all sections of the community? How much is the membership fee?	Not applicable
Does the organisation provide training and education to its members? Are its facilities open to non members?	Yes Not applicable
How does the organisation raise income? What funds are held?	Through donations and grants The accounts for the period ended 31/03/18 show income of £29,488 against expenditure of £20,034. Reserves at 31/03/18 total £24,149 which includes assets of £15,027.
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 from 15/01/18 (the date that they took over the site). The charge to 31 March 2019 (after Mandatory Rate Relief has been applied) is £81.79. If Discretionary Rate Relief was awarded in respect of the charge of £81.79, the cost to the

	Council would be £32.72.
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