

APPLICATION FOR DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF – SHINE YOUTH (SY) ROOM 4 FIRST FLOOR at 1711 HIGH STREET, KNOWLE, SOLIHULL, B93 OLN

1 Background

- 1.1 SY are a registered charity and are therefore entitled to 80% Mandatory Charity Relief. They were previously awarded discretionary relief (20%) from when they occupied their premises on 1 May 2021 to 30 April 2022.
- 1.2 SY purpose is to promote and protect the positive mental health of young people aged 11-18 years old who are experiencing emotional and behavioural difficulties related to experiences of grief and loss, low mood, low self-esteem, anger, stress and anxiety, childhood trauma, domestic violence and self-harm.
- 1.3 All of the young people SY work with in Solihull are in Solihull secondary schools and are identified as being vulnerable or in a time of vulnerability.
- 1.4 The young people SY work with have all experienced one or more adverse childhood experience. Some are at risk of school exclusion and some of child sexual exploitation or other criminality. SY work with children to improve skills and access good work.
- 1.5 SY charge a concessionary fee to schools which is one quarter of the real cost of the service delivery to the charity.
- 1.6 The score card overleaf recommends an award of 0%.

2. Financial Implications

- 2.1 Details of the Business Rates and Relief applied for are set out as below:

	2022/23
20% Discretionary Relief applied for	£ 249.06
Cost of 20% Discretionary Relief to the Council (99%)	£ 246.57
0% Discretionary Relief Recommended	£ 0.00
<u>Cost to the Council of Recommendation</u>	£ 0.00

- 2.2 To support their application, SY have submitted their Annual Report & Audited Accounts for the year ended 31 July 2020. These accounts show that at year ending 31/07/2020 the reserve balance was £8,694 (Unrestricted £6,385, Restricted £2,309).
- 2.3 The draft balance sheet for the period 31/07/2021 shows a total reserve

balance of £32,708.36 (Unrestricted £10,997.58, Restricted £21,710.78). The reserves have increased mainly due to increased donations and legacies.

- 2.4 The Discretionary Rate Relief equates to £249.06. Although this would be a positive impact on the finances on the company, it can be argued that it would not be very significant.

Discretionary Rate Relief**Shine Youth**

	Section A - Affordability	Yes or No
1	<p>The financial assessment considers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • level of surplus of deficit in recent years • level of reserves held in view of the organisation's reserves policy • proportionality of the relief applied for in relation to the size of the organisation's operating costs • relationships with parent organisations where relevant • affordability to the Council <p>Yes - complete Sections B and C No - the rate of relief is nil</p>	No

	Section B – Clients Supported	Potential Score	Actual Score
1	Over 90% of the organisation's clients are Solihull residents	3	
2	Between 50% and 89% of the organisation's clients are Solihull residents	2	
3	Less than 50% of the organisation's clients are Solihull residents	1	

	Section C – Other Factors	Potential Score	Actual Score
1	The ratepayer has evidenced that they meet one or more of the Council's priorities	1	
2	The service has been recognised as important to the Council through a contract or SLA with the Council.	1	
	Total Score	B+C	

Award of Discretionary Rate Relief

	Discount for Charities – up to 20%	Discount for Not for profit organisations – up to 100%
Score of 4 or more	20%	100%
Score of 3	15%	75%
Score of 2	10%	50%
Score of 0 or 1	No relief	No relief