

NEW APPLICATION

ITEM 4.17
APPENDIX 2

**APPLICATION FOR RATE RELIEF UNDER SECTIONS 43 AND 47 OF THE
LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE ACT 1988 FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2012/13 & 2013/14**

Applicant's Name: Newlife Trading Ltd **Account Ref:** 101158262 & 101158275
Property Address: Units 13 & 14 Beechwood Business Park, Burdock Close, Hemlock Way, WS11 7GB
Registered Charity: 1001817
Occupation Date: 20 December 2012

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Relief Claimed: Mandatory and Discretionary **Period:** 20/12/12 – 31/3/13
1/4/13 – 31/3/14

Use of Property: Charity shop, nurse service, equipment service, medical research campaign and awareness for physically and mentally impaired infants and children

Main Objectives: To provide funding for and to promote basic and clinical research into genetic defects. In addition, to provide relief and assistance to persons suffering from such defects and to provide relief and assistance to pregnant mothers where there is a danger of the child being born with such defects.

Financial Situation: At at 31 Mar 12
£
Surplus (Deficit) (137,096.00)*
Reserves 860,000.00**
 *Profit distributed by gift aid payment
 **National Organisation

Previous Relief Granted: **Mandatory** - 80%
Discretionary - 0%

Rates Payable:

Details of Charge for <i>Unit 13 Beechood Business Park</i>	2012/13 £	2013/14 £
Full Charge	1,855.84	6,829.50
Less Mandatory Relief (80%)	1,484.67-	5,463.60-
Discretionary Consideration:	<u>371.17</u>	<u>1,365.90</u>
Discretionary - if 5% Relief Granted:	92.79-	341.48-
Cost to Central Government (50%)	46.40	170.74
Cost to CCDC General Fund (40%)	37.11	136.59
Cost to Staffs County Council (9%)	8.35	30.73
Cost to Fire & Rescue Authority (1%)	0.93	3.42
Rates Payable	<u>278.38</u>	<u>1,024.42</u>

Details of Charge for Unit 14 Beehood Business Park	2012/13 £	2013/14 £
Full Charge	972.72	3,579.60
Less Mandatory Relief (80%)	778.18-	2,863.68-
Discretionary Consideration:	<u>194.54</u>	<u>715.92</u>
Discretionary - if 5% Relief Granted:	48.64-	178.98-
Cost to Central Government (50%)	24.32	89.49
Cost to CCDC General Fund (40%)	19.46	71.59
Cost to Staffs County Council (9%)	4.38	16.11
Cost to Fire & Rescue Authority (1%)	0.48	1.79
Rates Payable	<u>278.38</u>	<u>536.94</u>

Supporting Information:

Newlife Trading Ltd is a company limited by guarantee; it is a trading company which is part of the charitable organisation 'Birth Defects Foundation'.

The main objectives of the organisation are education and social welfare for the care of disabled and terminally ill children. Research into and the relief of defects which affect parents and children prior to conception, during pregnancy and subsequent to birth.

The premises occupied around Hawkes Green and Bridgtown are used primarily as charity shops but are also used for administration, storage and a charity helpline. Goods sold from the premises are donated and are mainly clothing.

This is a national organisation and operates throughout England and Wales. Profits from the trading company are distributed via a gift aid payment.

Comments:

Newlife Trading Ltd now occupies 5 business premises in the Hawkes Green and Bridgtown areas.

The charities initial applications for top-up Discretionary Rate Relief in respect of Units 1 and 2 Hemlock Business Park were considered at the Grant Applications and Rate Relief Committee on 13 December 2002. However, as these are large premises, there were insufficient funds left in the Budget at that stage of the financial year to cover the cost to the Council of granting this relief.

The organisation has re-submitted all of their applications for consideration every subsequent financial year however, they have continually been refused on the grounds that it was inappropriate for one charity to receive such a disproportionate percentage of the overall budget.