

**NEW APPLICATION**

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**APPLICATION FOR RATE RELIEF UNDER SECTIONS 43 AND 47 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE ACT 1988 FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2011/12 AND 2012/13**

**Applicant's Name:** Public Safety Charitable Trust **Account Ref:** 101149187

**Property Address:** Wi-fi Site at Ascot Suite 4, Gnd Flr Office Block, Keys Park Business Village, Keys Park Road, Hednesford, Staffs, WS12 2HA

**Registered Charity:** Yes - 1138450

**Occupation Date:** 18 August 2011 **NEW APPLICATION**

**Relief Claimed:** Mandatory and Discretionary **Period:** 18/8/11 – 31/3/12  
1/4/12 – 28/6/12

**Use of Property:** Former Wi-fi transmitter site

**Main Objectives:** To promote, for the benefit of the public, good citizenship and greater participation in the prevention of crime.

<b>Financial Situation:</b>	As at: 31 December 2010 <i>(first 3 months Balance Sheet)</i>	<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	£ 9,823.53
		<b>Reserves</b>	8,553.13*
		*National Organisation	

**Previous Relief Granted:**

<b>Mandatory</b>	-	0%
<b>Discretionary</b>	-	0%

**Rates Payable:**

Details of Charge	2011/12 £	2012/13 £
<b>Full Charge</b>	26.85	11.17
<b>Less Mandatory Relief (80%)</b>	21.48-	8.94-
<b>Discretionary Consideration:</b>	<u>5.37</u>	<u>2.23</u>
<b>If 7% Relief Granted (2011/12):</b>	1.88-	
<b>If 5% Relief Granted (2012/13):</b>		0.56-
<b>Cost to NNDR Pool (25%)</b>	0.47	0.14
<b>Cost to General Fund (75%)</b>	1.41	0.42
<b>Rates Payable</b>	<u>3.49</u>	<u>1.67</u>

**Supporting Information:**

Public Safety Charitable Trust Ltd (PSCT) entered into a short term lease agreement for Ascot Suite 4, Ground Floor Offices, Keys Park Business Village, Keys Park Road, Cannock, for the period 18 August 2011 to 28 June 2012. In addition to these premises they also took over short term leases for a number of other empty offices within the area.

At each of the properties, PSCT installed Bluetooth communication equipment which the charity used to work with Local Authorities, the Police and other Public Services in order to provide rapid, cost-free, delivery of messages and information which reflected the charitable objectives of the Trust. This service aimed to be a solution to crime prevention.

This national network allows the Charity to utilise innovative, new technology to deliver both general information and specific targeted campaigns, to 'Get the Message Across' to members of the public throughout the Country.

Each and every communication unit that is installed is considered to be a vital and integral part of the overall linked PSCT network. However, it is also possible to isolate individual units, or groups of units, to create bespoke applications to meet the needs of a local Council, the Police or other relevant Organisations or charities, in any given location.

The main objective of PSCT is, "to promote, for the benefit of the public, the efficiency of the Police in England and Wales and to promote good citizenship and greater public participation in the prevention and solution of crime in the area. Such other purposes as are exclusively charitable according to the laws of England and Wales as the Trustees at their absolute discretion may from time to time decide".

The principle source of income for the Trust is from self help and donations.

**Comments:**

Members should note that there are no other similar types of organisation within the District that are in receipt of rate relief, as such, there is currently no provision within the existing Framework to award any level of top-up discretionary rate relief to Wi-fi sites.

Members should also note that following an adjustment to the rating assessments at these sites by the Valuation Office Agency, the Trust now has liabilities for the Wi-fi sites that they operated and empty property rates for the remainder of the office space which has remained unused throughout the term of their leases. Charitable rate relief can only be claimed on the Wi-fi sites if they are being used to further the objectives of the charity and not the empty office space.