

**APPLICATION FOR RATE RELIEF UNDER SECTIONS 43 AND 47 OF THE LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT FINANCE ACT 1988 FOR THE FINANCIAL YEARS 2007/8 AND 2008/09**

**Applicant's Name:** Avon Business & Leisure Centre **Account Ref:** 101111869

**Property Address:** Avon Road, Cannock, Staffs, WS11 1LH

**Registered Charity:** Yes - 503646

**Occupation Date:** 18 May 2007 **NEW APPLICATION**

**Relief Claimed:** Mandatory and Discretionary **Period:** 18/5/07 – 31/3/08  
1/4/08 – 31/3/09

**Use of Property:** Community Centre

**Main Objectives:** To provide room hire and functions/activities which are of benefit to the local inhabitants of the Cannock area.

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| <b>Financial Situation:</b> | As at 30 June 2007 | <b>Surplus (Deficit)</b> | £<br>23,821.00 |
|                             |                    | <b>Reserves</b>          | 61,355.00      |

**Licensed Bar:** As at 30 June 2007  
**(Where applicable)**

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|--------------------------|-----------|
|                          | £         |
| <b>Sales</b>             | 32,320.00 |
| <b>Profit</b>            | 5,328.00  |
| <b>Profit %</b>          | 16.5%     |
| <b>Surplus (Deficit)</b> | 5,328.00  |

**Previous Relief Granted:** **Mandatory** - 80%  
**Discretionary** - 10%

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|------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Rates Payable:</b>              | <b>2007/08</b>  | <b>2008/09</b>  |
|                                    | £               | £               |
| <b>Full charge</b>                 | 7,352.69        | 8,778.00        |
| <b>Less Mandatory Relief (80%)</b> | <u>5,882.15</u> | <u>7,022.40</u> |
| <b>Discretionary consideration</b> | 1,470.54        | 1,755.60        |
| <b>If 10% granted</b>              |                 |                 |
| <b>NNDR Pool (25%):</b>            | 183.82          | 219.45          |
| <b>General Fund (75%):</b>         | <u>551.45</u>   | <u>658.35</u>   |
| <b>Rates payable:</b>              | £ <u>735.27</u> | £ <u>877.80</u> |

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**Supporting Information:**

The main objective of Avon Business and Leisure Centre is the provision of room hire which will be of benefit to the inhabitants of the Cannock area.

The organisation has set up groups which actively encourage all age groups of able and disabled members of the community to participate in groups/activities held at the centre.

Activities carried out at the premises include, wheelchair dancing, yoga, educational, social dancing, tai chi, slimming classes, card craft, children's theatre group, parent and toddler group, senior citizens classes and children's dance classes.

Membership of the centre is open to all members of the community and currently has a total membership of approximately 2,000, which is made up of Male and Female members and Under 18's.

Avon Business and Leisure Centre is a self supporting, non-profit making organisation with their principal source of income being money from room hire.

**Comments.**

Avon Business and Leisure Centre have had to re-apply for their relief entitlement due to an alteration to their rating assessment in the Local Non-Domestic Rating List; the effect of this alteration has resulted in a slight increase to their charge.

The organisation was relocated to new premises in April 2005 following the development of a new Asda superstore on the site of their former premises. They have always benefited from Discretionary Rate Relief being granted to them whilst they were in occupation of their former premises and also their new premises; relief has been granted at a rate of 10% in recent years.

