

Responses from Consultation on Draft Pricing & Lettings Policy

Centre Used	Group / Organisation	Comments
Peel Street	Chatroom	<p>We are a group of people who have had or in most cases still do have mental health problems. We meet weekly to support each other in a local setting and to help reduce social isolation and promote inclusion in the local community.</p> <p>We have been able to apply for some financial help from Leeds Mind. However, this is not a guaranteed amount and we would be very concerned about having to pay regular rental fees. Are we eligible for discounts? Can we appeal against charges? We are obviously anxious as we don't want to lose what for many members is our only social time.</p>
Gildersome Youth Club	4 th Morley (Gildersome) Scout Group	<p>We very much oppose charges being made for Beaver, Cub and Scout usage of the above premises. We are a non profit making organisation providing a community service at no cost to LCC. We make a valuable contribution to the youth in our area and fill a gap unsupported by local government. Subscriptions which are charged to members cover annual fees imposed by our district, county and national headquarters, primarily to cover insurance costs. Activities are paid for separately and by fund raising events. Effectively therefore our service is non charging and open to all. The proposed charges are well in excess of subscriptions we currently receive.</p>
Tingley Y&C Centre	Tingley Brass Band	<p>We have been using the centre now for what must be 25 years and to my knowledge there has been no charge. We have around 35 members, 23 attend our mid week rehearsal and 12 attend the training band on Saturday morning. Age ranges are from 7 to 75 coming from the local community. It does concern the committee that we may have to pay for the Saturday morning session that we have as this attended by 12 members (we would like more). This session is crucial to the development of new players, mostly youngsters, from junior schools, who would find it too late to attend mid week due to early bed times. Our members pay less than £1 per week which contributes towards a very high insurance bill, new music loan of instrument. We would ask that any charges be waived.</p>
Old Cockburn Youth Centre	Leeds Gospel Fellowship	<p>We have been using the Old Cockburn Youth Centre since April and pay £17ph for hall rental and £9ph for staffing – this is a total of £26ph for two and an a half hours every Sunday. From your new proposals what band is old Cockburn youth centre in? We don't benefit from any discounts on a weekend. You mentioned approved key holders. Let us know the Council's definition of an approved key holder.</p>
Tingley Y&C Centre, Morley Town Hall	DAZL	<p>I am unhappy with the new charging policy. DAZL are running over five groups in community and youth centres which will be adversely affected.</p>

		<p>While we charge a small amount (£1 per session) this in no way even covers the tutor costs of the dance sessions, let alone leaving income for room hire. We believe that increasing the cost of the session will exclude the most deprived young people who are our key target. Can this charge be viewed as subs? Will the Area Committees have increased funds to cope with this? Seems quite problematic to our work and I object to the new plan.</p>
Gildersome Youth Club	4 th Morley (Gildersome) Cubs	<p>I currently have a letting for 2hrs per week for cubs. Looking at your proposed charges I could be paying up to £40 per wk, depending on what you class as a large room. I have a maximum of 24 children at any one time. This would mean a charge per child of £1.66 per week. Currently subscription is charged which covers the membership of the scouts association and costs of all equipment used at pack nights (e.g. crafts, etc). All adults involved in scouting are volunteers who provide activities for young people from all backgrounds regardless of age, race, religion or sexuality. All money charged is used for the benefit of the young people. If these charges were introduced, I may have to look for other premises.</p>