



BLenheim GARDENS RESIDENT MANAGEMENT ORGANISATION LIMITED

Community and Charity Donation Policy

Introduction:

Blenheim Gardens RMO regularly receives requests from charitable bodies and local community organisations for donations or sponsorship and this policy has been developed to formalise the RMO's approach in dealing with such requests.

Policy statement:

When considering requests for support one or more of the following criteria will be applied:

- Estate residents should receive a direct or indirect benefit from the donation
- The charity or organisation should be based in or operate in the same geographical area(s) as the RMO
- The donation should support the wider TMO housing movement and/or the local community(s) in which TMO's operate.

Objectives:

This policy is consistent with the following RMO visions and values:

Our Vision:

- Improving the homes and environment for all residents
- Working to eliminate community and financial exclusion
- Working in partnership with other community groups to improve the area immediately surrounding Blenheim Gardens Estate
- Undertaking projects and initiatives that will benefit our community
- Working towards building a cohesive and sustainable community.

Mission Statement: *"Building a greener, safer and a more prosperous future with the community we serve"*

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The RMO is also committed to achieving the above vision by:

- Finding out about our communities to ensure that the strategic and service delivery is reflective of the identified needs and aspirations
- Making connections that show how residents are able to not only shape decisions, but are also equal partners in the process
- Demonstrating our commitment to engaging with the community we serve by developing resident participation structures that provide and promotes wider community involvement
- Tailoring communication channels to meet the needs of our community.

Our Values:

- We will, at all times, endeavour to put our residents first
- We will provide services reflecting local needs and priorities
- We respect our community and care about residents
- We celebrate in the diversity of our community and will strive to ensure we represent and serve all residents in a fair and equitable manner
- The contribution of our residents is central to all that we do
- We believe in resident participation and community empowerment and encourage our residents to have the confidence and imagination to create solutions. We value resident's opinions.
- We believe in actively improving the quality of life for all residents
- We will invest in the development of our organisation and its workforce
- We will establish leadership through effective governance and accountability

Our organisation is not-for-profit to benefit our residents and their environment. All surpluses generated from effective budgetary management will be ploughed back into estate improvements.

Our vision and our values confirm the RMO's commitment to making a positive contribution to our resident's quality of life. We believe strongly in placing resident participation at the heart of everything that we do. We are committed to equality of opportunity for all.

The benefits will include raising the profile of the RMO and helping to create goodwill, trust and community cohesion.

Procedure:

Requests for donations will be made via a proposal or letter to the RMO outlining the project and the level/kind of donation required.

All requests will firstly be considered by the Estate Director and then submitted to the RMO Governance Board for its consideration.

The Estate Director will make a recommendation to Board on whether or not the request complies with this policy and also on the amount to be provided.

Type of donations:

The RMO may make cash or goods donations from £1 - £10,000 depending on the scheme.

Donations requests may also be received for the use of the RMO facilities, support, equipment and advice.

Monitoring:

The policy will be monitored on an annual basis at the end of the financial year with a report to the RMO board on donations for the year. The donations will also be included in the end of year audited accounts

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