

# MEETING REPORT

**Meeting:** Policy & Resources Committee, 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024  
**Agenda item:** PR23/089  
**Report subject:** Request for discounted or free let – rooms within Town Hall  
**Report author:** K Elliott-Turner, Town Clerk

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## PROPOSAL

To consider a 50% discount, or free let, of the following:

Committee Room x2 sessions, x 2 days

St Pierre Sur Dives x2 sessions, x2 days

Mayor's Room x2 sessions, x2 days

Hot water flasks and crockery

Bookings for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2024

**Total cost to council: £311 if 50% discount, or £622 if free let granted**

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## Background to the request

A little bit about Pete's Dragons and the training we will be running 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> August.

Pete's Dragons are a suicide bereavement charity. Pete's Dragons was formed in 2010 by our CEO, Alison (Diva Dragon) after her little brother, Pete, took his own life aged 24. The charity started as a fundraising group but in 2014 the decision was made to dedicate efforts towards providing vital postvention (suicide bereavement) support, and so Pete's Dragons became a registered charity.

The dragon team are now specialists in the field of postvention. As well as supporting those impacted by suicide, the charity offers an extensive range of training in all aspect of mental wellbeing and suicide postvention, intervention and prevention.

We offer bereavement support, training opportunities and we also run Devon's RTSSS (Real-Time Suicide Surveillance System), working alongside Devon and Cornwall police to prevent future suicides.

We are going to run our 2-day ASIST (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training). This training is an award winning interactive workshop that prepares attendees to provide life-assisting suicide first-aid intervention. Research shows that ASIST provides long term financial benefit to communities and that ASIST trained caregivers help those with thoughts of suicide feel less suicidal and more hopeful. The training is available to anyone over 16.

The course cost is usually £2,500 for up to 24 delegates (working out approximately £105 per person). However, the course is being run completely free of charge.

Usually due to the cost of the course, we are only able to offer this training as a closed group when funded by an organisation for their staff, however, we feel there are many individuals that could benefit from the training.

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We intend to offer this to individuals located in the community and can offer spaces to your staff as well.

We intend to reach out to businesses and charities in the local area to offer the course and have a list of people that are awaiting opportunities to attend also. We can also arrange for posters / leaflets to be put up in the local area to generate any more sign ups if needed.

We would really value any reduction rate of the venue hire to help us keep the costs as low as possible and ensure that these types of courses are accessible to all.