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Dear Members of the Sittingbourne Area Committee

Summary

Kemsley Community Centre Trust (KCCT) would like to apply for a grant from the SBC Sittingbourne Area Committee towards urgent replacement of fire exit and entrance doors on the western side of Kemsley Community Centre. The estimated cost is £10,556 (subject to survey and updated quotes) for one set of double fire exit doors in main hall including frame; one set of double fire exit doors in main entrance including frame; and main entrance door including frame.

Background

Kemsley Community Centre meets identified local needs, providing a place for adults and children to meet and socialise in safety. In providing a safe venue, it helps to keep children off the streets whilst giving parents peace of mind. It gives charities and community groups a venue for providing services to the whole community including benefitting residents' physical and mental well-being.

Reason for Replacement

Having been fitted in the 1960s, these wooden doors have got worse and worse over the years through wood swelling, hinges becoming impossible to reset, gapping, doors not fitting into the surrounding frame, and wood starting to rot. Their condition is now at a point where it is causing grave concern on:

- Health & Safety/Fire Regulations – fire doors are getting to the point of being difficult to open;
- security – gapping & bad fit which sets off false intruder alarms and allows intruders to be able to force the doors;
- insulation – loss of heat leading to increased heating costs.

Replacement of the doors will contribute towards the objectives of Swale Borough Council's Corporate Plan 2020-2023: Priority 3:

3.5 "Tackling deprivation and creating equal opportunities for everyone: Promote wellbeing and enjoyment of life by signposting and encouraging a wide range of sporting, cultural, leisure and development activities appropriate and accessible to each age group.

This will encourage people to be more active and it will improve their general well-being and enjoyment of life by participating in a wide range of activities."

David Gawler
Trustee on behalf of Trustee Board
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