



## Full Council

Date: 29<sup>th</sup> September 2022

### **FC096 - To consider the improvements to the Queen's Hall fire exit doors and to the fire exit doors to the garden**

#### **1. Introduction**

Following a few noise complaints from the neighbours on either side of the Queen's Hall after the hall had been hired over some weekends, it was decided to look into the improvement of the hall fire exit doors and fire exit door to the garden to prevent these to be opened after 9pm, unless in case of an emergency.

#### **2. Approach**

The Clerk discussed the options with Gary (security, Galaxy Entertainments) and it was agreed to have magnetic locks installed on both fire doors. Magnetic locks use a strong, electrically powered electromagnet to hold the door closed. If the power fails, or is interrupted by a fire alarm signal, the magnet loses power and releases the door which can then be opened. In normal circumstances, the fire doors can only be released by pressing a button located on the inside of the building near the doors. This system will hopefully prevent the doors being opened freely after 9pm. Gary provided us with a quote from Scrase security and electrical, as described below.

We also looked into the option of replacing the hall's fire doors completely and make them soundproof at the same time. For this we received two quotes, also described below.

#### **3. Costs**

The following quotes were obtained:

Scrase security and electrical

Fitting of the Magnetic Locks

£705.00 + VAT

*Quote includes fitting and one day labour.*

NOTE: fused spurs to be fitted adjacent to each of the doors to be covered, installed by an electrician in advance.

David Bushby LTD (Electrician)

Wire on switched fused spurs to be fitted before the installation of the magnetic locks.

Labour and materials

£380.00 + VAT

Total

£1,085.00 + VAT

Thomas Door & Window Controls

Replacement of fire doors (secure draught free and soundproof) and frame with installation of magnetic locks connected to the fire alarm.

Total quoted £6,050.00 + VAT

Sussex Door Company Ltd

Supply and install steel fire rated security exit doors with a powder coated colour finish.

Total quoted £3,200.00 + VAT

#### **4. Recommendations**

Although quotes were received for the complete replacement of the doors, we favour the first option, to fit the current existing doors with the magnetic locks. This is not only the most affordable option, but the doors will also stay in keep with the building.

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