

OXTED COMMUNITY SAFETY CENTRE

Following Surrey Fire & Rescue Service's commitment to the Tandridge Community Safety Partnership, and active involvement in the Partnership Steering Group meetings, an initiative was considered by the group to set up a project to develop Oxted Fire Station, with the aim of it becoming 'The Tandridge Community Safety Centre' used by all members of the Community Safety Partnership.

The project will require full commitment from all members of the partnership, and will involve specific repairs and improvements to the premises in order for its full potential to be realised. On completion of the work detailed below, the premises could be utilised as:

- Conference facility
- Training venue
- Meeting venue
- Community Safety Centre – (Fire, Police, Health Care issues)
- Young Offenders briefing venue
- Junior Citizens project venue

First Year Costs:

Electrical repairs / improvements - Estimated cost = £1700

- Removal of old strip lighting units, switches and wall lights
- Repositioning of heating units
- Installation of new heating units already supplied by SFRS
- Supply of emergency lighting at Fire Exits
- Supply of and installation of new down lighting throughout the recreation area, including the bar.

Replacement Blinds – Estimated cost = £1100

- Removal of old curtains and tracking
- Supply of and fitting of new Venetian blinds throughout the recreation area

Security locks and window catches – Estimated cost = £350

- Supplying and fitting of security key pads to parts of the premises where access needs to be prohibited
- Removal of old window catches to allow correct fitting of new blinds
- Supply of and fitting of new slim-line window catches

Car park marking / hatching – Estimated cost = £300

- Marking up of car parking area for use of Fire Service personnel only
- Marking up with yellow hatching, areas not to be used, if drill yard is in use for partnership training. (Already completed)

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Supply of decorating materials – Estimated cost = £200

- Re-decoration of Recreation Room
- Re-decoration of toilet facilities
- Re-decoration of corridor

Supply of internal screens – Estimated cost = £400

- 4 Screens required to separate conference area from bar area. (Already acquired from Highways House – Epsom)

Conference tables & chairs – Estimated cost = £2500

- Includes 4 piece conference table and twelve chairs
- Associated writing and drink protection for table

New IT equipment for conference / training use – Estimated cost = £ 7200

- New TV & Video recorder
- Housing furniture for above
- Pull down white screen
- Lap top PC and projector
- Security measures for all above
- Flip charts, pens & other accessories
- Overhead projector

Oxted Fire Station Personnel

It is important to remember that facility is still an operational Fire Station and the station personnel must be seen as an integral part of the project itself and not feel as though they have been swept aside by the enthusiasm of the partnership.

It is a fact that the station personnel will benefit from the improvements that can be made, however the project can only be successful with their enthusiasm, cooperation and assistance.

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