

Appendix E.

Background or 'Project Specifics' – Application MF053/T2

To assist the Muslim Welfare Association of Port Talbot acquire an air extraction system for the Port Talbot Mosque and Islamic Centre.

This bid has been developed to 'Assist Voluntary Sector providers’.

The funding will be used to supply and install an Extract Air System to be used to provide good ventilation, to keep good ambient temperatures and to expel pollutants. This system has proven to be essential during times of Covid.

The need for this initiative has come to the attention of the local Ward Members. The Mosque is traditionally used for interfaith Open days, large gatherings of people that come together to better understand different cultures, faith and beliefs which in turn promotes better race relations and community cohesion. The Mosque stages workshops with the Police, Ambulance and Fire Service, St. John’s Ambulance and a young life savers Group. The wider community benefits include the breaking down of barriers between faiths and the building of bridges across different cultures.

In order to remain safe during these community engagement and training events it is important that the Main hall remains well ventilated preventing the build-up of pollutants. The installation of an extract system will ensure clean air and give uses of the Centre confidence to visit

The scheme has no further financial implications for NPTCBC as the ongoing upkeep of the system would be funded by the Centre’s members.

Recommendations

The project is valued at £4,700.62, which is the full cost of labour and materials. The Applicants, Councillor Saif Rahaman, Councillor Sharon Freeguard and Councillor Dennis Keogh would wish to fund this project from their Members Fund allocation. Councillor Rahaman

would wish to allocate £1,700.62, Councillor Freeguard £1,500 and Councillor Keogh £1,500.

The project proposal is recommended for approval and financial support under the Members Community Fund.