Contingency Claim for RCC Billiards & Snooker

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Background

On the evening of 20th Mar 2009 the snooker room on the 3rd floor of the Union was vandalised between 10:15pm and 11:45pm. One snooker table had extensive graffiti on it (using ball cleaner) as well as animal excrement and the other snooker table had graffiti on it as well.

The club has attempted to remove the graffiti using a hard brush, but this does not work. Water cannot be used as it would shrink the felt. The club has also investigated with several professional companies who have informed them that while professional cleaning is available, it would not be suitable for the kind of damages that have happened (cleaning is usually done for chalk and not liquids which have soaked through the felt).

The two snooker tables need to be reclothed as a matter of some urgency as they are vital for the functioning of the club. These are also the only two snooker tables the club currently has to use as the other two are in storage (due to the Beit Redevelopment works).

The cost to recloth the two tables is not an expense the club could have foreseen.

Quotes

Allied Pool & Snooker Ltd. £600 & VAT for 2 tables (Tournament Gold Standard) – preferred (better quality)

Kent & Sussex Snooker Ltd £600 & VAT for 2 tables (Tournament Gold Standard)

Academy Billiard - £450 & VAT for 1 table

The work with Allied Pool & Snooker would be completed the week after next.

Decision Required

To approve a contingency claim of £690 for the reclothing of two snooker tables to come out of CSB Contingency.