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Dear Graham,

57 South Street

Following the Management Board meeting, the issues regarding 57 South Street were discussed by the Community Services Committee when the following was agreed:-

- It was felt that in view of the numbers of young people attending and the very limited number of hours the building was actually used; it was not cost effective to keep it open.
- Notwithstanding the above, members were surprised that felt that the District Council had allowed the building to fall into disrepair. It was also felt that the users should have been more aware of the amount of disrepair.
- The young people of Rochford Parish were being let down by the fact that the only general provision for them within the Parish is offered by the voluntary sector.
- The Committee felt that the cleaning service should not be re-instated as there were serious Health and Safety concerns regarding the condition of the building.

I trust that this assists in your consideration regarding the future of 57 South Street.

Yours sincerely,

Janice V. Rigby
Clerk to the Council