

Purchase of a shipping container

Background

Historically the Union have had use of five garages at the rear of Wilson House in Paddington. These are used to store the equipment of various clubs and societies. Over the past year the Union has given up use of one of these garages, this has left a space deficit for equipment managed by the ICSMSU Light Opera Society. The acuteness of this situation took a number of months to become apparent as the contents of the garage which was given up was steel deck which remained at South Kensington after Freshers' Week.

Furthermore, the Light Opera's annual production which for many years has used Wilson House as a venue is now hosted elsewhere as the society have not received a renewal of their rental agreement with Sport Imperial. A result of this is that the society have had to invest in large amounts of scenery which has to be stored in two of the other garages to the rear of Wilson House, meaning that any space which may have been available for storing the steel deck is now otherwise engaged.

The steel deck is an important asset to the Union at large, being used by the Musical Theatre Tour Society during their annual production in Devon and at various junctures by the Union centrally throughout the year.

Proposal

The proposed solution to this situation is that the Union purchase a shipping container to be located at Harlington Sports Grounds. This has the broad agreement of Facilities Management and Sport Imperial. This would provide a suitable capacity of storage space for the immediate challenges, together with some available space for additional long term storage needs.

Funding

The cost of purchase and delivery of a standard 40' shipping container and suitable locks is around £2300 +VAT. It is proposed that this purchase be made from the Exec Reserve Fund during this financial year.