

# Report to: Assets and Operations Committee

**Report Ref:** A1904  
**Meeting Date:** 13<sup>th</sup> June 2019  
**Agenda Item:** 10  
**Prepared By:** Town Clerk



**Subject:** Meeting Room Chairs

## 1.0 BACKGROUND

The chairs in the Lower Council Chamber were donated to the town council in 2013 by Cheshire East Council, they were previously used in the Crewe Registrar's Office. In July 2013 the committee considered the purchase of new meeting room furniture (tables and chairs) and resolved to defer a decision until the building was transferred to the town council. The matter was considered again in March 2016 when the committee resolved not to replace the seating.

At the last committee meeting a member raised that the seating was uncomfortable and suggested the new council give consideration to new seating. New members have also raised this issue with the Town Clerk.

The seating in the public gallery is an eclectic mix of chairs accumulated at different times in recent years and the mix does not reflect the most professional image of the council.

## 2.0 CHAIR OPTIONS

Six chair options are shown in annex a. The prices for different quantities are in the table below. It is recommended that 15 chairs are bought for councillors and that up to 20 for the public gallery.

	15		20		25		35	
<b>A</b>	£	345	£	460	£	575	£	805
<b>B</b>	£	299	£	399	£	499	£	698
<b>C</b>	£	750	£	1,000	£	1,250	£	1,750
<b>D</b>	£	645	£	860	£	1,075	£	1,505
<b>E</b>	£	1,935	£	2,580	£	3,225	£	4,515
<b>F</b>	£	239	£	319	£	399	£	506

The committee should consider ensuring that some of the chairs have arms as they assist the user in getting out of the chair easily which is particularly important for the elderly and those with mobility problems.

Whilst the committee does not have a budget for new furniture, it is currently projecting an underspend under the Council Offices cost centre due to the transfer having not yet taken place. A



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budget of around £2,000 could be made available from current projected underspends for insurance, business rates, electricity, water and waste.

[this section of the report is confidential owing to the personal information contained therein]

### 3.0 DECISIONS REQUIRED

The committee should consider the purchase of new chairs and the recommendation detailed in the confidential section of the report.



A - £23 each  
Stackable



B - £19.95 each  
Foldable



C - £49.99 each  
Stackable, same as in Heath Room



C - £42.99 each  
Stackable, armless version of C



E - £129 each



F - £15.95 each  
Stackable



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