

TOWN CLERK BRIEFING NOTE**44g) CHAMBER TABLES**

Members will be aware that the tables in the Chamber have been deteriorating over some considerable time – with one being permanently on the verge of collapse. They have been repaired frequently and there have been a few incidents of splinters causing harm/damage. With the increased number of ceremonies they are moved much more frequently – and this has not helped.

We have attempted to source replacements which are sectional (to make them easier to move and store) are 'in keeping' and reasonably priced. We believe we have now achieved this through CH Workshop Ltd. It is able to supply 6 meeting room tables (160cm x 80cm) with removable (medium) oak veneer tops and folding frames (in dark grey) for a price of £1,628 + VAT.

The proposed layout would be similar to the present arrangement – save that the the total length would be +15cm; the depth of each table would be +18cm; and the total width would be -57cm (meaning that there will be no central gap (as now) and it will be easier to 'manoeuvre' around the recess (top table).

There is no provision for replacement Chamber tables in this year's budget and it is suggested that this be funded from the Town Hall Capital Earmarked Reserve which, currently, stands at £18,515.

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