

### **Congleton Town Council**

Historic Market Town

Chief Officer: David McGifford CiLCA

27th November 2020

Dear Councillor,

### Town Hall, Assets & Services Committee –3<sup>rd</sup>December 2020

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the Town Hall, Assets & Services Committee, to be held on **3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020** commencing at **7.00pm**.

This will be a virtual meeting which needs to be accessed via Zoom.

<u>Use this link to open the Town Hall, Assets & Services Committee meeting via Zoom on 3<sup>rd</sup> December</u> 2020.

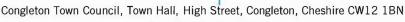
Meeting ID: 962 4894 8344

- The Public and Press are welcome to attend the meeting, please note There will be 15 minutes at each meeting to receive any questions from Members of the Public, either verbally or at the meeting, including those which have been received in writing 7 days prior to the meeting.
- There may be confidential items towards the end of the meeting which the law requires the Council to make a resolution to exclude the public and press in accordance with Section 100 (B) (2) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Yours sincerely,

David McGifford Chief Officer





### **AGENDA**

### 1. Apologies for absence

Members are respectfully reminded of the necessity to submit any apology for absence in advance and to give a reason for non-attendance.

### 2. Minutes of Previous Meetings (Enclosed)

To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting of the Town Hall, Assets and Services Committee held 15<sup>th</sup>October 2020.

### 3. Declarations of Interest

Members are requested to declare both "pecuniary" and "non-pecuniary" interests as early in the meeting as they become known.

### 4. Outstanding Actions

None.

### 5. Questions from Members of the Public

To receive any questions from Members of the Public including those received in writing 7 days prior to the meeting.

### 6. Urgent Items

Members may raise urgent items related to this committee but no discussion or decisions may be taken at the meeting

### 7. Town Hall Trading Account (Enclosed)

To accept the Town Hall Trading account to 31st October 2020 and to note the content of the summary report.

### 8. Streetscape Trading Account (Enclosed)

To accept the Streetscape Trading account to 31st October 2020 and to note the content of the summary report.

### 9. Minutes of the Town Hall Development Working Group (Enclosed)

To receive the minutes of the Town Hall Development Working Group held on 12<sup>th</sup>November 2020.

### 10. Minutes of the Streetscape Development Working Group (Enclosed)

To receive the minutes of the Streetscape Development Working Group held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

### 11. Minutes of the Business Support Working Group (Verbal update)

To receive a verbal update of the Business Support Working Group meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

### 12. Garden of Reflection Relocation Proposal (Enclosed)

To receive a report regarding the Garden of Reflection –Relocation from West Road to the Community Garden.

### 13. Town Hall Energy Survey (Enclosed)

To receive the report from the Town Hall Manager and agree the next steps on the Town Hall Energy Survey.

### 14. Town Hall Acoustic Absorption Survey (Enclosed)

To receive a report from the Town Hall Manager on the Town Hall Acoustic Damping.

### 15. Update on the Congleton Cenotaph (Verbal Update)

To receive a verbal update report on the Congleton Cenotaph.

### 16. Resolution to exclude members of the press and public from item 17 due to Commercial Sensitivities

### 17. Update on the Future use of the Town Hall

To receive an update from the Chief Officer on matters relating to the future use of the Town Hall.

To: Members of the Town Hall, Assets & Services Committee

Cllrs:

### Suzy Firkin (Chair), George Hayes (Vice Chair),

Suzie Akers Smith, Dawn Allen, Duncan Amies, David Brown, Robert Douglas, Robert Hemsley, Rob Moreton, Denis Murphy.

Ccs: Appointed Member - Mr D A Parker (Honorary Burgess)
Other members of the Council and Honorary Burgesses (2) for Information; Press (3),
Congleton Library, Congleton Visitor Information Centre

### Minutes of the meeting of the Town Hall, Assets & Services Committee held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Conducted via Zoom - Meeting ID: 890 5069 5769

In attendance:

Committee members:

Suzy Firkin (Chair)

George Hayes (Vice Chair)

Duncan Amies
David Brown
Robert Douglas
Robert Hemsley
Rob Moreton

Denis Murphy (Deputy Mayor)

Ex Officio:

Sally Ann Holland (Mayor)

Non-Committee members: Amanda Martin

### **Minutes**

### 1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence (Members are respectfully reminded of the necessity to submit any apology for absence in advance and to give a reason for non-attendance).

Apologies for absence were received from Committee member Councillor Robert Moreton and Non-Committee members Councillors Kay Wesley and Margaret Gartside.

### 2. Minutes of Previous Meetings

**THAS/21/2021 Resolved to** approve and sign the minutes of the Town Hall, Assets & Services Committee held on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

### 3. Declarations of Interest

Members are requested to declare both "pecuniary" and "non-pecuniary" interests as early in the meeting as they become known.

Declarations of interest were received from Councillors David Brown, George Hayes, Denis Murphy and Sally Ann Holland (Mayor), all non-pecuniary on matters relating to Cheshire East Council.

### 4. Outstanding actions

None.

### 5. Questions from Members of the Public

To receive any questions from Members of the Public including those received in writing 7 days prior to the meeting.

There were no questions from members of the public.

### 6. Town Hall Trading Account

THAS/22/2021 Resolved to accept the Town Hall Trading Account to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020 and to note the content of the summary report.

### 7. Streetscape Trading Account

THAS/23/2021 Resolved to accept the Streetscape Trading Account to 31st August 2020 and to note the content of the summary report

### 8. Minutes of the Town Hall Development Working Group

THAS/24/2021 Resolved to receive the minutes of the Town Hall Development Working Group held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

### 9. Minutes of the Streetscape Development Working Group

**THAS/25/2021 Resolved to** note the draft minutes of the Streetscape Development Working Group held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

### 10. Minutes of the Business Support Working Group

THAS/26/2021 Resolved to receive the minutes of the Business Support Working Group held on 1st October 2020.

### 11. <u>Link Road Roundabouts Update with Parish Councils</u>

THAS/27/2021 Resolved to receive the progress report on the Link road Roundabouts.

### 12. Streetscape – Environmental Changes

**THAS/28/2021 Resolved to** receive the progress report on the Streetscape – Environmental Changes.

### 13. Update on the Town Hall Statues Refurbishment/ Replacement

**THAS/29/2021 Resolved to** receive the update on the Town Hall Statues Refurbishment/ Replacement and based on the quotations received to date take it back to the Working Group for further discussion.

### 14. Town Hall Foyer Lighting

THAS/30/2021 Resolved to receive report on the Town Hall Foyer Lighting and to review this project when the future use and developments of the Town hall have been established.

### 15. Town Council Hybrid Meetings

**THAS/31/2021 Resolved to** receive the report on Town Council Hybrid Meetings and request that officers further investigate option 3 when time allows.

### 16. Update on Congleton Cenotaph

**THAS/32/2021 Resolved to** receive the verbal report on the Congleton Cenotaph that advised that completion was hoped to be on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020 and that construction was still operating within budget.

### 17. Town Hall Christmas Lights

**THAS/33/2021 Resolved to** seek further quotations for adding Christmas Lights to the Town Hall taking into consideration:

- 1. The appearance of the Town Hall when lights are not switched on.
- 2. The possibility of using coloured lights.
- 3. That the Cheshire East Council (CEC) Conservation officer was satisfied with the method of attaching the lights to the Town Hall.

### 18. Resolution to exclude members of the press and public from item 19 due to Commercial Sensitivities

THAS/34/2021 Resolved to exclude members of the press and public from item 19 due to Commercial Sensitivities.

### 19. Update on the Future use of the Town Hall

### THAS/35/2021 Resolved to:

- 18.1 the changing of the Terms of Reference Of the Market Working Group as proposed.
- 18.2 seek legal guidance on State Aid, following this take through to the relevant committee.
- 18.3 receive the update from the Chief Officer.

Cllr Suzy Firkin (Chair)

COMMITTEE:	Town Hall, Assets ar	nd Services			
MEETING DATE	03/12/20 7pm	LOCATION	Remote via Zoom		
AND TIME	_,,,				
REPORT FROM	Support Manager RF	-O			
AGENDA ITEM	7				
REPORT TITLE	Town Hall Trading Account April – October 2020				
Background	Variance analysis of the Trading Account to October 2020 to accompany the spreadsheet.				
Updates	This trading account is for the first 7 months of 2020/21 – so 58% of the budget would be used if expenditure was regular monthly. Due to the effects of the Corona Virus pandemic currently 96% of the budget has been used to 31/10/20.  Income  The figures show 22% of budgeted income (should be 58% by October) The Town Hall has been largely closed since the lockdown at the end of March. NHS Blood have still been using the Grand Hall for blood donation sessions and a key worker company had a training session. Between lockdowns a few groups did manage to meet and hire the hall including a line dancing group and a choir.				
	Expenditure  Largely as expected for M7. 50% of the budget has been used so a slight underspend.				
Decision Requested	To receive the Town	Hall Trading Account fo	r M7 April – October 2020		

### Congleton Town Council

		2020/21 Actual Year	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	% of Budget	2019/20
		To Date	Alliluai buu	Airida Fotai	Used	
Town	<u>Hall</u>	<u>£</u>	$\underline{\mathfrak{E}}$	£		£
4000	Staff Costs (re-allocated)	39,055	66,019	26,964	59%	32,742
5.000	Training	0	1,000	1,000	0%	320
	Protective Clothing\H & Safety	0	500	500	0%	0
	Cleaners	3,450	8,000	4,550	43%	2,038
	Rates	15,979	27,530	11,551	58%	15,729
	Water	2,375	6,000	3,625	40%	2,796
		9,667	20,125	10,458	48%	10,256
	Electricity	4,245	13,750	9,505	31%	4,599
4015		1,126	2,000	874	56%	1,034
	Cleaning materials	1,810	3,000	1,190	60%	1,733
4017	Refuse Disposal	769	1,200	431	64%	588
4020	Miscellaneous Office Costs	4,405	8,000	3,595	55%	4,400
4025	Insurance	1,693	3,500	1,807	48%	536
4033	Marketing/Promotions	4,326	6,500	2,174	67%	3,714
4040	Maintenance Contracts	6,101	15,000	8,899	41%	8,879
4041	Property Maintenance	0,101	100	100	0%	0
4064	Legal & Professional fees	2.042	3,500	1,458	58%	1,609
4068	Licences (incl PRS)	2,042	10,000	10,000	0%	3,749
3020	Catering Supplies (rechargable)	2,878	6,046	3,168	48%	4,185
6000	Central Overheads Reallocated	2,676	0,040	0,100		
	Congleton Town Hall:-Expenditure	99,919	201,770	101,851	50%	98,907
1009	Rent Rec'd - Museum Notional	2,625	4,500	1,875	58%	2,625
	Rent Received - 3rd Party	5,269	11,033	5,764	48%	6,436
1010	(TIC, Partnership & rear office)					0.007
1011		9,927	17,017	7,090	58%	9,927
	Letting Income - Grand Hall	4,743	30,400	25,657	16%	15,300
	Letting Income - Bridestones	1,085	13,200	12,115	8%	4,459
	Letting Income -Spencer Suite	840	4,950	4,110	17%	2,232
1018	Letting Income - Campbell Suite	0	0	0	#DIV/0!	160
1016	Letting Income - Brasserie, Kitchen and Bar	0	15,000	15,000	0%	8,750
	Letting Income - Internal	1,749	9,000	7,251	19%	5,902
	Letting income - F&F	0	5,000	5,000	0%	1,000
	Service Charges - TIC	760	1,700	941	45%	914
	Service Charges - CTHEP	0	4,500	4,500	0%	2,367
1055		0	10,000	10,000	0%	3,915
	Misc Income	292	0	292	#DIV/0!	417
1199	Congleton Town Hall :- Income	27,290	126,300	99,010	22%	64,404
			075 470	00.044	96%	£34,503
Ne	t Expenditure over Income	£72,629	£75,470	£2,841	90%	234,503

COMMITTEE:	Town Hall, Assets ar	nd Services					
MEETING DATE	03/12/20 7pm	03/12/20 7pm LOCATION Remote via Zoom					
AND TIME							
REPORT FROM	Support Manager RFO						
AGENDA ITEM	8						
REPORT TITLE	Streetscape Trading Account April – October 2020						
Background	Variance analysis of spreadsheet.	Variance analysis of the Trading Account to October 2020 to accompany the spreadsheet.					
Updates	This trading account is for the first 7 months of 2020/21 – so 58% of the budget would be used if expenditure was regular monthly. 51% of the budget has been used to 31/10/20.  Income						
	The income for Streetscape is largely fixed by the SLA payment that is received from CEC £366,702. The external work is budgeted to bring in £15,000. This was stopped during April and May due to Coronavirus but has started up again from June so should not have a significant effect on the income by the end of the financial year.						
	Expenditure						
	<ul> <li>Expenditure</li> <li>Largely as expected for M7 55% of the budget has been used, so a slight underspend to date.</li> <li>Agency staff is showing an overspend – this is a seasonal worker covering for staff sickness. Taken with the Staffing budget it is still within budget.</li> </ul>						
		it to date on training.	s buuget it is still Within buuget.				
	Vehicle main		spent to date but this mostly takes				
Decision Requested	To receive the Stree	tscape Trading Account	for M7 April – October 2020				

October 2020	Actual Year	Current	Variance	% of
9	To Date	Annual Budget	Annual Total	Budget
Streetscape				
Staff Costs	244,333	438,814	194,481	56%
Agency Staff	11,441	6,000	5,441	191%
Training	0	3,000	3,000	0%
Protective Clothing\H & Safety	2,725	4,500	1,775	61%
Office rent	1,789	3,067	1,278	58%
Cleaning Materials	2,266	5,000	2,734	45%
Mobile Phones	383	700	317	55%
Insurance	3,303	6,000	2,697	55%
Property maintenance	122	1,200	1,078	10%
Horticultural etc Supplies	8,065	18,000	9,935	45%
Winter Bedding	624	1,000	376	62%
Vehicle maintenance/Serv etc	3,332	10,000	6,668	33%
Vehicle fuel and oil	5,825	13,000	7,175	45%
Vehicle rental charges	20,914	39,000	18,086	54%
Street Cleansing	539	3,500	2,961	15%
General expenditure	1,550	4,000	2,450	39%
Central Overheads Reallocated	19,128	40,188	21,060	48%
Rechargable expenses	327	0	327	#DIV/0!
Streetscape Expenditure	326,666	596,969	270,303	55%
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CEC - Income	-213,910	-366,702	-152,793	58%
External work income	-2,827	-15,000	-12,173	19%
Other income	-278	0	278	#DIV/0!
Astbury Mere Income	-525	-900	-375	58%
	-217,540	-382,602	-165,063	57%
Net Expenditure over Income	109,127	214,367	105,240	51%

# Virtual Congleton Town Hall Development Working Group Meeting

## NOTES OF MEETING

Date: Thursday 12th November 2020

**Time:** 3.30pm

Location: Via Zoom Meeting ID: 832 1593 7971

Committee Members: Cllr S Firkin, Cllr M Gartside, Cllr R Chadwick, Cllr R Douglas, Cllr D Brown, Cllr R Hemsley, David McGifford, Sue Trow, Andrea **Morris-Wild** 

Apologies:

Guests:

Item	What was discussed / description	Actions	By who	By when
_	1. Apologies			
	Cllr R Douglas Andrea Morris-Wild			
<u> </u>				
2	2. Future Use of the Town Hall			
	Group presented with a matrix of existing and potential	Identify events from the matrix which are worthy	WLM	Ongoing
	hirers of the Town Hall for events.	of further investigation for future bookings	ST AMW	
		Check bar licence as Commercial Partner	WJW	
		agreement may change		

ෆ්	3. Visitor Information Centre Update to Working Group regarding further developments with Visitor Information Centre	Continue to update the Working Group on future developments	MQ	Ongoing
4	Maintenance Programme Group presented with the maintenance programme which details all maintenance works which will need to be carried out over the next five years.	Continue to work through the maintenance programme to organise specific jobs into order of importance	DM MJW	Ongoing
ည်	. Energy Efficiency Group presented with initial report relating to energy improvements around the Town Hall	Contact relevant companies to find out potential savings from the improvements they recommend in their society.	WJW	03.12.20
		Research what, if any, improvements have been made at Northampton Town Hall	MJW	03.12.20
9	Carbon Counci Green (	Contact suppliers and research option/products which will be biodegradable for use in the Town Hall	MJW	03.12.20
	<ul> <li>Reduce the gas consumption of the Town Hall</li> <li>Reduce the use of chemicals in any cleaning products used in the Town Hall</li> </ul>			

## Virtual Streetscape Development Working Group Meeting

### **NOTES OF MEETING**

Date: Thursday 17th September 2020

Location: Via Zoom

**Time:** 3.30pm

Present: Councillor Margaret Gartside (Chair), Councillor David Brown (Chair), Councillor Amanda Martin, Councillor Robert Douglas, Councillor Duncan

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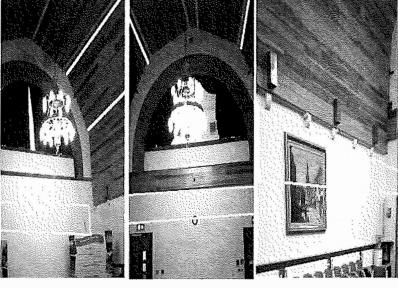
David McGifford, Ruth Burgess

Contract of Contra				
Item	What was discussed / description	Actions	By who	By when
τi	Apologies			
2.	Declarations	- Cllr D Brown (CE)		
m'	Minutes and Actions from Previous Meeting	- Dane Housing Contract	DB	
4.	Update and Establishing priorities and next steps for the Streetscape Contract	- General update from x2 meeting with CEC regarding the renewal of contract		
		ACTION- tie in new contract with vehicle leasing contract length.	DM	
		ACTION – put a proposal letter forward to CEC	DM	
		ACTION – start talks with ANSA regarding job	RB	
		allocation throughout Congleton LAP, joint working		
		partnership for positive end result and also optimise efficiency		
5.	5. AOB			
		Response back to resident acknowledge letter and		
	Letter from residents regarding contract and to have more	where we are up to with contract	MG	
	sustainable approach to how we work.	Sustainability report to go to the next THAS		
		committee	RB	
6.	Dates of Next Meeting	TBC		

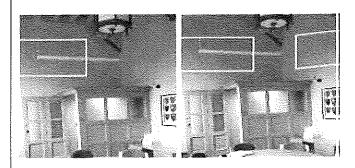
COMMITTEE:	Town Hall Assets and So	and Services Committee			
MEETING DATE	3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2020	LOCATION	Congleton Town Hall		
AND TIME					
REPORT FROM	Chief Officer and Street	scape Development M	anager Ruth Burgess		
AGENDA ITEM	12		1479 g ( 1		
REPORT TITLE	Garden of Reflection R	elocation Proposal	and the same time. As the same time as the same time to the same time to the same time to the same time time time to the same time time time time time time time ti		
Background	family and friends if it vereflect Tom's life. From Garden of Reflection, no lost a member of their the current Garden of I	vas feasible to create a their idea we decided ot just for Tom but for family through tragic ci Reflection is located on	ent Tom Jackson, we were asked by garden where they could visit and we would put forward a design for a other residents of Congleton who have rcumstances.  Iand on West Road adjacent to New n remembrance of Tom Jackson.		
Updates	location due to it not be that has a high footfall, occasions.  We now feel that the galocation within the hear transferring / developin adjacent to the recently both under the owners!  We have spoken to the relocate the garden and through tragic circumst feel this is a more suital	there have been some minor anti-social behaviour issues associated with the current cation due to it not being openly visible to members of the public and not in an area at has a high footfall, as a result we have had to make repairs to the site on several casions.  The now feel that the garden would be better suited in a more central and visible cation within the heart of Congleton and feel that this could be achieved by ansferring / developing a Garden of Reflection within the Community Garden, jacent to the recently refurbished cenotaph and the new "Tree of Light" which are the under the ownership of the Town Council.  The have spoken to the parents of Tom Jackson who are happy with this proposal to locate the garden and also spoken to a family who have recently lost their child rough tragic circumstances. Both families are supportive of this proposal as they sel this is a more suitable location for families and friends to come and visit the			
Finance	would be moving the cusite to the new site.  Shrubs Stepping Stones Initial Sign / Place Labour ( Streets	of the project can be fir arrent planters and woo que cape) re named stones for the	nanced via the Streetscape budget, we oden bear carving from the previous e garden will be smaller and affordable		
Decision Requested		tion and development o	nd the Streetscape Development of a new Garden of Reflection within		

COMMITTEE:	Town Hall, Assets and	Services				
MEETING DATE AND TIME	3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2020	LOCATION	Zoom			
REPORT FROM	Town Hall Manager –	Mark Worthington				
AGENDA ITEM	13					
REPORT TITLE	Town Hall Energy Survey					
Background	the Town Hall, initial Working Group on 10 replacing the existing Pump. Following discussited to the structure	research was presente th September 2020 re boilers with a potent ussions, it was agreed e and heating demand ho can offer advice or	on footprint and overall energy usage of ed to the Town Hall Development lating to the possible benefits of ially more efficient Air Source Heat this type of system was not best ds of the Town Hall. It was actioned to n options available to help reduce the of the Town Hall.			
Updates	and who visited the Tofor improvement. The sustainability and engate comprehensive range environmental services sustainable and energy working with Listed and The Church of England Methodists Circuits in registered architect, Following their initial the process involved as Performance Review. building as well as the heating, ventilation and particular company to detailed in the Phase would provide a furth elements of work (Phase stimated savings creatfollow.  Our local Conservation	own Hall to provide a company in question incering consultancy, of building, heating, we in order to ensure a gy efficient as possible and Historic buildings and Dioceses of Blackbuthe North of England RIBA Client Design Adverting with Phase 1, This review would incermal imaging and a bend cooling of the building of the building and Environe Energy English	I offer services to reduce energy usage in initial client brief for potential areas in are an independent design, established to deliver a ventilation, air conditioning (HVAC) and any building-related project is as e. They have a wealth of experience and are currently acting on behalf of irn and Wakefield and also various in their building fabric expert is a viser and a Registered Inspector of in provided with a brief which outlines an Energy and Environmental clude a fabric assessment of the uilding services review relating to the ding. Should we choose to appoint this in denergy performance improvements onmental Performance Review, they at their approach covering those involved have been asked to provide improvements in the brief, details to intacted to inform them of any ind in this brief and to discuss any viable fown Hall.			
Decision Request		de Phase 1, an Energy	e forward with the proposal to instruct y and Environmental Performance			

	COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES				
COMMITTEE:	Town Hall, Assets and	d Services			
MEETING DATE AND TIME	3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2020	LOCATION	Zoom		
REPORT FROM	Town Hall Manager –	· Mark Worthingto	n		
AGENDA ITEM	14				
REPORT TITLE	Town Hall Acoustic Absorption Survey				
Background	detailing options availad discussion around this squestion, it was felt that equipment could be let this reason, as part of the	ble for future hybric subject the acoustic at any potential imp down by the poor a he process to resea ch the possibilities f	rvices and Asset Committee received a reposition of the Town Hall. As part of qualities of the Town Hall were bought introvements made to video conferencing acoustic qualities of the meeting rooms. For the improvements for hybrid meetings, it was improving the acoustic damping within	of the to or was	
Updates	for acoustic absorption Suite. A site visit would improvements to the A target Reverberation acoustic wall and ceiling The chart and images required for each room.	on improvements for the left of the left o	be achieved with the installation of to achieve the required speech clarity size, quantity and position of panels		
	Bridestones Suite	Number of Panels	Size of Panels		
	Ceiling Panels	16	2400mm x 1200mm x 40mm		
	Wall Panels 12 2400mm x 1200mm x 40mm				

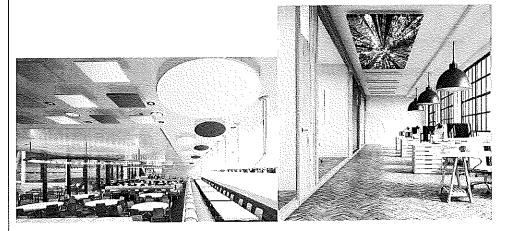


Spencer Suite	Number of Panels	Size of Panels
Ceiling Panels	0	0
Wall Panels	4	2400mm x 1200mm x 40mm
Wall Panels	4	1200mm x 600mm x 40mm





The acoustic panels are Wallsorba Type C - Shadow Joint Acoustic wall panels and are available in a variety of colours, shapes and designs (see images below). The panels are a high specification acoustic, sound absorbing panel and are used extensively in multipurpose halls, open plan offices, conference suites and studios.



Our local Conservation Officer has been contacted to ascertain if this acoustic absorption option would be viable due to the Grade II\* Listing of the Town Hall.

### **Decision Request**

To receive this report and consider, if within the Grade II\* Listing of the Town Hall, these acoustic absorption panels would be an option to work alongside any future video conferencing system.