



# Borough of Oadby & Wigston

Policy Committee

9<sup>th</sup> September 2008

## Council Chamber Refurbishment

Report of: Deputy Chief Executive      Report Number:  
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**NON-EXEMPT**

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Summary:

This report asks members to note a decision of the Chair of this Committee to allocate £5,773 from the Capital Contingency to cover the increased costs of the Council Chamber Refurbishment.

Recommendations:

That members note the decision of the Chair of the Committee to allocate £5,773 from the Capital Contingency for the additional costs of the Council Chamber Refurbishment.

Level of delegation: Committee

Wards affected: All

Comments of Statutory Officers:

Head of Paid Service: None

Proper Officer for Financial Affairs: The Capital Contingency currently contains a balance of £18,985. An allocation of £5,773 reduces this balance to £13,212.

Monitoring Officer: None

**Appendices Attached: None.**

Impact Assessments:

- Health: )
- Environment: )
- Community Safety: ) No direct impact from the proposals.
- Human Rights: )
- Equal Opportunities: )
- Risk Assessment: )

Commentary:

1. At the Council meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2008, members approved the refurbishment of the Council Chamber, at a cost of £89,515. In approving the project it was agreed that the final design of the furniture be decided by the Council Chamber Refurbishment Working Group.
2. The final design of the furniture was agreed in early July but has resulted in some additional costs which have taken the overall project cost to £95,288 compared to an original figure of £89,515, an increase of £5,773. This additional cost is mainly due to 'personalising' the furniture to Oadby & Wigston to give it a 'quality' look. It does however represent a reasonable compromise compared to some of the furniture offered to the Council, which could have increased costs by as much as £20,000.
3. Due to the need to place a variation order before this Committee met, the Chair of the Committee approved an allocation of £5,773 from the Capital Contingency in accordance with the Council's procedures for urgent decisions. This decision is now reported to Committee for information.
4. Refurbishment of the Council Chamber will commence tomorrow (10<sup>th</sup> September) and will be complete by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September.

Background Papers referred to in compiling this report:

None.