

Committee	FULL COUNCIL
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St Andrews church clock

St Andrews clock was originally bought by the people of the town to commemorate Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee in 1887. It became the responsibility of the Town Council over the years since then.

In June 2021, our usual servicing company were contacted as there were concerns about the timekeeping of the church clock. They have been servicing the clock once a year for some years, and they came out to look at the clock. Two months later, we received a quotation from them to repair the clock, which was extremely large.

The Clerk applied for a number of grants to help with the repairs, but in the meantime consulted other clock experts, on the advice of the Chelmsford Diocesan clock adviser.

After consultation with 3 companies, it appears that there is not so much repair work to be done as originally thought. Quotes A and B suggest a comprehensive refurbishment. Quote C is from a local expert (former employee of Smiths of Derby) who has advised there is no need for the extensive work.

Quote A: £11,769 + VAT

For complete replacement of the autowinding mechanism and a pendulum regulator

Quote B: £8735 + VAT

For complete replacement of the autowinding mechanism and a pendulum regulator

Quote C: £925 (no VAT as this company has deregistered)

Payment for this could be taken from the Environment budget.

Recommendation: that HTC chooses Quote C and agrees to the repairs to St Andrews clock.



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Town Clerk