

Committee	Full Council
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Mayor's chain

The current Mayor's chain has been in use probably for about 40 years, and is now completely full. A second chain was added, but all the discs available have now been used up.

The Clerk has sought several quotes for a completely new chain, and so far, these range from £5000 - £10,000 for a completely new chain.

The possibility of refurbishing the old chain and adding a third row of discs is now being considered. The Clerk has contacted the original makers Fabb Bros, and they have confirmed that they are able to refurbish the existing chain. This would include adding a third row of discs, replacing the worn velvet backing, and ensuring that the medal is properly attached and does not fall off while the chain is being worn. This is likely to be much cheaper than buying a new chain, and will extend the life of the chain which has been part of the council for so many years. Their chief expert is currently in hospital and unable to prepare the quote for HTC. This is top of his to-do list when he returns to work, in 2 weeks' time.

Recommendation: that HTC agrees in principle to the refurbishment of the mayoral chain by Fabb bros.



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Town Clerk