

Councillor Robes and Hats

1. Purpose of the Report

To inform members of hat and robe costs.

2. Background

- 2.1 The current hats and robes have been in use in excess of sixteen years.
- 2.2 Not many of the hats are appropriate sizes and are starting to look run down, the robes also look worn.
- 2.3 It was agreed at the last P&R meeting to purchase one Tudor bonnet style hat to determine quality and fitting and that robe styles and prices would be discussed at this meeting.

3. Financial Implications & Risks

- 3.1 There is currently £2,300 in the budget;
 - good quality felt tricorne hats are in the region of £190.00 each.
 - Tudor Bonnet style hats are £45 each.
 - Robes can vary dramatically – cheapest from £20 and high quality fabric and manufacturing in excess of £400.

4. Decision Required

Members determine if new hats and robes are required and whether to extend the Budget. If purchased, the Town Clerk requires guidance as to sizing.

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