

COUNCIL MEETING – 17TH OCTOBER 2012
ITEM 17 – MEMBERS’ QUESTION TIME

The following question has been submitted by Councillor Cherrett for response by the Cabinet Member for Access & Communities:-

“On 3rd August members were consulted about the “Access to Services Programme, Phase 2 – Improvements to Municipal Buildings Reception Area. We were told that works would be undertaken to construct a new reception desk and replace the soft furnishings. “This will be a modest reconfiguration which, to keep costs to a minimum, retains existing flooring and the wooden panelling on the walls....” Various other cost saving measures were mentioned in the e-mail.

We were told that Municipal Buildings is no longer accessed by our customers but that some cosmetic changes were to take place to the reception / foyer area to “tidy it up, make it welcoming, fit for purpose and create a good first impression for visitors”.

I note that a large screen television has been installed in this area.

How much has this television screen cost and to whose benefit? How does this make the reception area “fit for purpose”?