

‘Hanging Committee’ (or Picture Hanging working group) meetings and deliberations –.

The ‘Hanging Committee’ has met twice. Sarah Quail, Anne Scicluna and Michelle Carter had met and made various suggestions. Later Sarah Quail and Anne Scicluna met and again looked carefully at the positioning of various pictures and artefacts, with a view to improving the vision of residents, visitors and councillors on the history of the Council House and of Chichester. Recommendations of both meetings are included below. The following is what is advised :

- 1 Opposite reception remove all certificates except the Licence – space is then available.**
- 2 Beside reception remove ‘Space’ certificate (Principia) and replace with embroidered City Arms (at present beside reception office door in corridor) so that people can see our City Arms as they enter the building.**
- 3 Remove small map by Courtroom and maybe send to Record Office if it’s original. Similarly some of the notices on that wall – if original. If not original, put them closer together and/or rehang .**
- 4 Replace City Arms in corridor with painting of Bishop George Bell, at present at top of front room steps**
- 5 Remove painting of Ann Murray from top of front room steps, for replacement upstairs**
- 6 Rehang large painting of City Cross from above fireplace in front room in place of Ann Murray**
- 7 Remove photograph of Queen and Prince Philip from halfway up stairs and replace with 1974 Charter from anteroom**
- 8 Remove 1135 copy Charter and repair and then hang above Grant of City Arms**
- 9 In place of 1974 and 1135 Chartres hang paintings of George and Ann Murray one each side**
- 10 Move Murray artefact cabinet to centre – slightly away from radiator. Place notice on it to warn people not to put stuff on it or to lean on it – for fear of alarm going off!**
- 11 Provide attractive cord across so that chairs are not used by public**

- 12 Place cabinet of So Few and So Many to south side of anteroom so that people can walk found it to view the books**
- 13 Place Trafalgar chairs – three each side of radiator on north wall behind Murray cabinet**
- 14 Put Town Clerk’s wig and box in cabinet at top of stairs.**
- 15 Georgian candelabra in cabinet to be put on same shelf**
- 16 Entrée dishes to be moved up, or decanters moved up, whichever fits best**
- 17 Remove large chest from under stairs and put in Mayor’s anteroom**
- 18 Remove nasty desk from Mayor’s anteroom (and get rid of it).**
- 19 Remove white plaque in military case**
- 20 Place leaflet rack back beside stairs**
- 21 Put a short explanation to HMS Chichester, including the fact of names round rim**
- 22 Provide lighting for Smith paintings in south side**
- 23 All paintings and other stuff to have explanatory tags underneath or beside them so that people can know what they’re all about – people do ask about some of the things we have.**
- 24 In addition, place large table from anteroom; desk from Mayor’s anteroom; glass-topped coffee table from Mayor’s Parlour; set of chairs from attic - into saleroom. Proceeds to go to the paintings conservation budget.**

If necessary, Anne can produce some of the information tags, as we are conscious of staffing burdens.

We would like to discuss this with you if there are any queries.