

Notes from meeting re new chairs 19th April 2017

Present:

Tim Smith, Alice Murdock, Louisa Feltham, Lorna Bryant,
Sally Armstrong, Kay Mitchell

Tim had gathered the votes and comments left by hall users regarding our on loan chairs and produced a table outlining the chairs order of popularity.

There was a discussion regarding the votes and the chairs that can be discarded at this stage

Chair No 6 – small blue padded folding chair. No votes

Chair No 1 – blue plastic-back folding. Limited votes but comments made in the survey reflected the comfort of the chair, mostly the gap at the back.

Chair No 4 – red upholstered: Too heavy and tips backwards when lifted.

Chair No 2 – yellow upholstered has a sloping back support and the metal frame had started to chip.

In general, comments regarding the folding chairs related to a lack of back support and the upholstered chairs, whilst comfortable, were heavy and difficult to manoeuvre.

Short list:

Blue upholstered chair

Black, chrome frame high-stacker

Black/grey, chrome folding chair, which scored the highest

After further consideration the black/grey folding chair was discounted. This chair is ideal for storage as it fits onto a trolley however the size of the trolley is too big for the door way in the VH. There were comments again regarding lack of back support. This is also the most expensive chair and there were some concerns regarding its durability.

Two chairs were left – the blue upholstered chair and the black high-stacking chrome frame chair.

The blue upholstered chair offers good support and comfort, it can be loaded onto a sack-trolley around 3 high. This will assist with moving the chairs but it could take some time to load and transport. As the chairs are larger, storage may be a problem. They are heavier and more difficult to lift/manoeuvre and users could use the small handle at the back to drag the chair along the floor.

The black chrome chairs can be stacked 25 high on a special stacking frame which is expensive, however this will assist with moving the chairs and offer better storage. There were concerns raised regarding this chairs durability and differing views on its comfort.

Both chairs are comparable in price.

Action

Kay to contact Alpha to ask them to remove the chairs we have now rejected

Kay will request another sample of the two shortlisted chairs as well as the trolleys for each so we can establish storage and ease of stacking.

Tim will communicate to users the outcome of the survey and next steps.

Kay Mitchell
Secretary