

TITLE OF REPORT:	Gate Brackets on Front of Corn Exchange – Safety Concern			
PROPOSER:	Trudi Barrett			
SUPPORTED BY:(if applicable)				
BACKGROUND: Please describe the reasons for this paper. Is it on behalf of a Working Group? Please provide relevant details, e.g. previous decisions by the Town Council or any external advice. Who is likely to benefit from this decision?	Late in 2022 a member of the public reported that she had tripped at the front of the Corn Exchange and narrowly missed hitting her head on one of the gate brackets that projects from the Corn Exchange building. Several brackets remain in place and it is assumed that these are remnants of gates formerly fitted to the building. The brackets no longer serve any practical purpose.			
ISSUES: Summarise the key issues arising from the Background (above). Are there any key dates that are relevant?	As the Corn Exchange is a listed building, contact has been made with the Shropshire Council Conservation Officer to check what would be possible with regard to the brackets. He has advised that if the Council considers the risk from the brackets to be sufficient to require their removal, they could be carefully taken off and the remaining metal filed down so that evidence of the brackets remains. If the brackets are retained in storage, it could be argued that the removal is reversible in that they could be welded back on, for example, if it were desired to re-fit gates. Some other measure to reduce risk might be considered, if action is considered necessary.			
LEGAL OBLIGATIONS: Wherever possible please check on any likely legal implications.	Health & Safety Public Liability			
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: <i>Please state the costs if known-capital costs as well as on-going revenue costs. State whether funding will be from external sources or from the Town Council.</i>	No financial cost if brackets left in place. Cost of removal or other measure if required.			
COMMUNITY BENEFIT <i>Please state what benefit this proposal will bring to the community (mandatory)</i>	Considering risk and ensuring public safety.			
COMMUNICATIONS: <i>Who else should be informed if the proposal is approved?</i>	Conservation Officer General public if action taken			
MEDIA AND PROMOTIONS:	<i>Does this need media coverage?</i>	YES	X <i>If action taken</i>	NO
TOWN CLERK'S COMMENTS: Including any implications on Town Council staff requirements.	Only one report of risk associated with the gate brackets is known to have been made to the Council. Now that a concern has been raised, Councillors should consider whether the risk is sufficient to warrant action being taken, which might include removal of the historic feature from the Corn Exchange building, or some other measure to reduce risk.			
PROPOSAL: What specifically do you want the Town Council to decide on?	Councillors are asked to assess whether it is necessary to arrange for removal of the gate brackets, or take any other measure to reduce risk.			

Date of Finance & Asset Management Committee meeting at which this will be considered: 24th January 2023

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APPROVED:		DATE:		MINUTE	
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