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KETTERING TOWN COUNCIL

REPORT FOR DECISION

Item No:- 2023/066

Committee:-	Council
Date:-	13 th December 2023
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Report Title:-	Coat of Arms
Wards Affected:-	All

1. Purpose of Report

To seek approval to commit funds to produce artwork for the new coat of arms

2. Recommendations

Council is recommended to commission the College of Arms to produce the necessary artwork to enable the reproduction of the coat of arms on civic regalia, electronically and on paper, and to meet this cost from the current budget provision of £1100, supplemented by £1035 from reserves

3. Information

- 3.1. The College of Arms has now granted the Council its coat of arms. This is essentially the coat of arms used by the Kettering Borough Council which existed from 1938-74, without the two supporters (a griffin and a freed slave), which the College of Arms does not permit parish councils to have.
- 3.2. There is no imagery as yet of the new coat of arms. Below is an image of the coat of arms used between 1938-74 (with the supporters) which exists in enamelled form only.



- 3.3. The College of Arms has offered to produce either a full set of arms or an image of just the shield. They will provide either
- Artwork of the full 'armorial achievement', consisting of the coat of arms, the crest, the helm, the mantling and the motto scroll, in three different parts – the full coat, the shield on its own, and the crest on its own.
 - Artwork of the coat of arms (the shield) on its own)

Each of these will be supplied in four different colour formats, to suit different contexts:

- A full colour version, with shading and highlights
- A flat colour version
- A mono black version, composed from flat black shapes
- A mono black line art (i.e. outline) version

The colour version of each piece of art will be supplied as a JPEG and PNG (for digital use) and a PDF (for print use). The PDF will contain vector art, which can be scaled to any size without loss of quality.

The cost of (a) is £2135 and the cost of (b) is £787.50.

- 3.4. Without this imagery, it will not be possible to update any of the chains of office or produce accurate material in print format. The chains of office currently show the old 1974-2021 coat of arms or, in the case of the replica chains, are blank. A quote has also been sought from specialists in Birmingham for the cost of updating the four real chains of office and the two replica chains for the Mayor and Deputy Mayor. There is no need to update the mace as the 1938-74 shield is displayed on it already.
- 3.5. Finance and Governance Committee considered the costs of producing the necessary artwork and recommended that the full coat of arms be commissioned.

They also agreed to update the replica Mayor's chain with a new pendant showing the coat of arms, which can also be useable with the real chains.

4. Consultation and Engagement

None

5. Finance, Legal and Resource Implications

5.1. The cost of the artwork exceeds the current budget, which is £1100. It would be necessary therefore to draw down £1035 from reserves to meet this cost.

5.2. The cost of updating the chains with a new pendant is £1500 and this can be met from the 2024/5 civic regalia budget.

6. Climate change implications

None

7. Policy Implications

None

Background Papers

Quotes from Vaughtons
Report to F&G Ctte 22/11/23