

CIVIC REGALIA – COUNCIL ROBES	16th February 2016
CORPORATE POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE	

Linkage to Council Strategy	
Strategic Priority	Leader and Champion
Objective	Provide civic leadership to citizens
Lead Officer	Moira Quinn, Director of Performance
Cost	Depending on option chosen

For Decision

1.0 Background

The purpose of this report is to outline the options available to Council for the supply of Civic Robes. In the interests of uniformity at civic and ceremonial engagements it is suggested that Council consider options to provide robes for all members.

Robes have been inherited from 3 of the 4 legacy Councils as follows:

Legacy Council	Mayor	Deputy Mayor	Alderman	Councillors	Total
Coleraine	1 Red	-	5 black with fur	13 Black with red trim	19
Ballymoney	1 Red	1 Red	3 Blue with fur	12 Blue	17
Limavady	1 Red	1 Red	3 Blue with fur	10 Blue	15
Moyle	-	-	-	-	

The Ballymoney and Limavady robes are differing shades of blue with a black trim and the Coleraine robes are black with a red trim.

2.0 Options

For the purpose of this report it is assumed that the Mayor and Deputy Mayor robes belonging to the former Ballymoney and Limavady Councils remain fit for purpose and that robes would only be required for the remaining 10 Aldermen and 28 Councillors.

2.1 Purchase of New Robes

A supplier of civic robes has been identified in Bristol and costings are outlined below:

	Super Fine	Wool Panama	Polyester Panama (similar to existing material)	Wool Mix	Gros Grain
Trimmed Black Velvet Only	£967	£750	£650	£730	£735
Trimmed Black Velvet & Fake Fur	£1180	£970	£792	£897	£953
Trimmed Black Velvet & Musquash	£1430	£1183	£1034	£1144	£1200

If, for example, Council was to proceed with the purchase of 38 of the polyester panama robes (10 with fake fur) the cost would be in the region of **£26,000**.

If Council is of a mind to purchase robes a further two quotations will be obtained to ensure best value for money.

2.2 Avail of Existing Stock and Commission Additional Robes

If Council wishes to avail of existing stock it is envisaged that that the black robes with the red trim would be the easiest to replicate.

Given that there are 5 black Alderman robes and 13 black Councillor robes currently in stock, quotations from local tailors/seamstresses in the Borough have been sought to make 20 matching black robes (5 with fake fur).

This would provide black robes with a red trim for all elected members as follows:

Mayor's Robe (Red)	Deputy Mayor's Robe (Red)	Former CBC Black Robes (fur)	Former CBC Black Robes (no fur)	New Black Robes (fur)	New Black Robes (no fur)	Total
1	1	5	13	5	15	40

A summary of the quotations received is outlined below:

	Quote	T&C
Quotation 1	£9,250 (5 x £500 fur) (15 x £450 no fur)	40% deposit
Quotation 2	£3,725 (5 x £205 fur) (15 x £180 no fur)	20% deposit
Quotation 3	£8,025 (5 x £435 fur) (15 x £390 no fur)	30% deposit
Quotation 4	£4,875 (15 x £325)	20% deposit

It may also be possible to purchase 20 new polyester panama robes (5 with fake fur) from the supplier in Bristol to match the existing stock which, based on the prices quoted in para 2.1 would cost in the region of **£13,700**.

Again, if Council is of a mind to purchase robes a further two quotations will be obtained to ensure best value for money.

3.0 Recommendation

It is recommended that Council avail of the existing stock of black robes and have an additional 20 black robes commissioned.

In doing so, it is further recommended that the lowest quotation (Quotation 2 above) in the sum of **£3,725** is accepted.