

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

COMMITTEE:	Town Hall, Assets & Services Committee Meeting										
MEETING DATE AND TIME	6 th November 2025 7 pm	LOCATION	Congleton Town Hall								
REPORT FROM	Town Hall Manager – Mark Worthington										
AGENDA ITEM	15										
REPORT TITLE	Grand Hall Interactive TV Screen										
Background	Officers presented a report for the THAS Committee meeting on 26 th June 2025 to highlight the need for an additional interactive screen for use in the Grand Hall. THAS/08/2526 Resolved to accept the report relating to the Grand Hall Interactive TV screen and for Officers to research further options for screens in the Grand Hall.										
Update	<p>Officers have applied for the Enabling Communities Grant Programme 2025, funded by the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and UK Rural England Prosperity Fund. Funding will be awarded to projects which demonstrate investment and support for digital infrastructure for local community facilities. To apply for this fund, applicants must be a voluntary or community organisation, local council, registered charity or other not-for-profit organisation, including community faith sector organisations, community groups and community buildings operating within Cheshire East. Funds available are £100,000 with a maximum application amount of £7,000. Closing date for applications was 10th Aug 2025, with a view to confirming successful grant applications in early September. Due to the high number of applicants, successful grant applicants will not be informed until early October. Applicants were required to provide details and costs for any equipment purchased following a successful grant application. Officers provided details of the screen below as part of the application.</p> <table><tr><td></td><td>iiyama 98" PureTouch</td></tr><tr><td>Cost</td><td>£3597.85 + VAT</td></tr><tr><td>Additional electric height adjustable stand</td><td>£1759.65 + VAT</td></tr><tr><td>Full installation</td><td>£500 + VAT</td></tr></table>				iiyama 98" PureTouch	Cost	£3597.85 + VAT	Additional electric height adjustable stand	£1759.65 + VAT	Full installation	£500 + VAT
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	Total	£5,857.50
	Advantages	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 982 diagonal touch screen• 40pt touch screen• Android 11 operating system• iiyama DMS• NOTE web browser• File management• Cloud drives• WPS office• Iiyama Share• Wireless connection with Windows/iOS/Android devices• WiFi• Bluetooth Support• Screen share from laptop via HMDI cable or USB-C• Moveable around the room with a stand
	Disadvantages	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Could only be used in rooms on the ground floor due to size

Cheshire East Grants team contacted Officers at the end of September to inform us that, following a thorough review by the assessment panel, our application was not successful on this occasion. However, CE Grants acknowledged that the project was eligible and showed potential to contribute positively to improving our community facility and digital inclusion; therefore, CE Grants strongly encourage Officers to reapply for this grant funding opportunity. Officers have reapplied for the Enabling Communities Grant Programme funding with the aim of purchasing the iiyama 98” Touch Screen if the grant application is successful. Applications closed on 10th October with no date given for

	notification of a successful application. Committee members will be updated on the progress of the grant application from November.
Financial	To be in accordance with allocated budgets and financial regulations
Environmental	To assess via the procurement process, the environmental impact and benefits
Equality	Where applicable in the procurement of services, this is taken into consideration
Decision Request	To receive the report relating to the Grand Hall Interactive TV Screen.