

To receive a report on the purchase of external furniture and consider any actions and associated expenditure.

Currently there is no outside seating area at Trackside Café. It would be nice to be able to provide that option during nicer days, it will also help with additional covers.

GWR Station Manager approved for appropriate external chairs and tables to be located within the studied area owned by the Town Council – see picture below:



Furniture located outside of the studded area will need to be considered by David Corp Senior Surveyor for Amey.

The type of furniture that would be suitable for the space within the studded area is something that is aluminium, comes with some weight to avoid it being blown onto the track, and low maintenance so that the items can be stored outside. The below link is an example of a product and associated cost. Due to the total cost, three quotes would need to be obtained in line with Financial Regulations.

<https://www.gardenfurnitureworld.co.uk/gardenfurnitureworld/m/product.asp?pid=HBERKSET19BA01>

There is potential to display four/five tables subject to Members agreeing to allow Trackside Café to use a small section behind the railings, the area in question could be roped off for clarification of space – see below picture:



The tables and chairs could be chained in position and left all year round or stacked and stored/chained behind the railings.

Dawn is keen for outside furniture to be available and would be grateful if the Town Council could cover the associated cost. It is possible that Dawn will look to purchase her own outside furniture in the future but, it will be sometime before this comes to fruition.

Budget:

Budget code: 6473 EMF Station Building (Purchase & Capital Works)

Budget availability: £57,536.

Next Steps:

Members are asked to consider how they wish to proceed.

End of Report
Town Clerk