



Andover Town Council

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Item No. **13**

Produced for: Full Council

By: Town Clerk

Date of Report: 13 Feb 2024

Background:

After the last Full Council meeting a councillor suggested that it may be easier to stop Councillors talking to the public during the meeting, if the Councillor seating plan was re-arranged.

It was felt that the open-ended layout with councillors facing the public encouraged continued dialogue between public and Council.

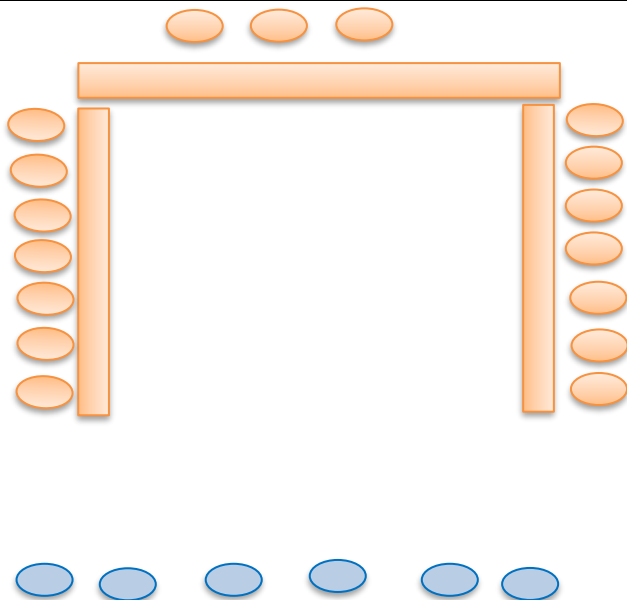
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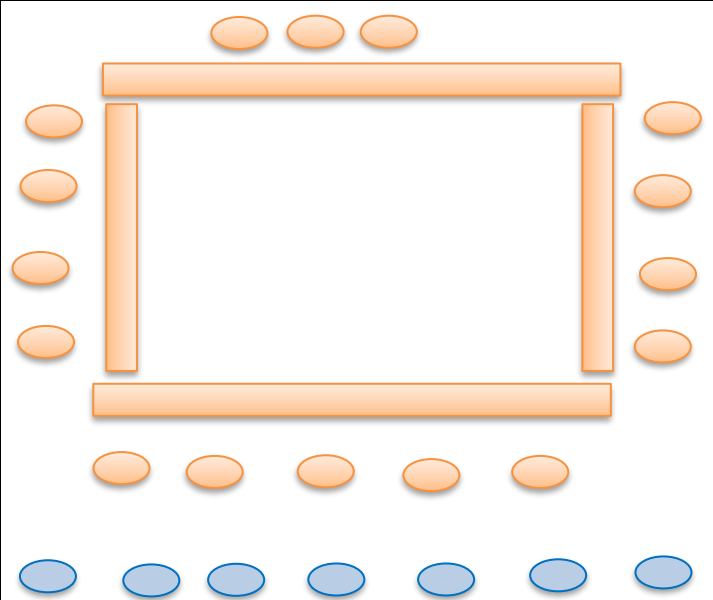
Considerations:

- The public may find it more difficult to hear councillors if councillors have their backs to the public.
- Some people may consider backs to the public to be “rude”.
- A Full Council meeting is a meeting in public, not a public meeting.

Current layout



Potential change?



Key:

Councillor Tables



Councillor / Officer Chair



Public Chair

