

## Brixham Town Council

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### Purpose of Report

To discuss a request received from the daughter of world-renowned artist John Chancellor to display artwork in the Town Hall.

### Background

Over the 2014 Easter weekend a retrospective exhibition of John Chancellors works as held in the Function Room of Brixham Town Hall to commemorate the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Mr Chancellors death.

Over 60 paintings telling the story of his life were displayed in the Function Room and Long Corridor. The exhibition was a huge success, with around 800 visitors attending over 3 days, many of whom recalled knowing him personally.

There is currently a John Chancellor print 'Easterly Haze' hanging in the Long Corridor of the Town Hall, which was inherited from Torbay Council when ownership of the Town Hall was transferred to Brixham Town Council.

### Proposal

It was John Chancellors wish that his paintings would be accessible to many people and on permanent public display in Brixham.

The letter from Mr Chancellors daughter asks *"I am wondering if Brixham Town Council would consider using its Long Corridor, or a similar public location, as a place to honour my fathers' paintings and acknowledge his special standing in Brixham's history? (our former home in South Furzeham Road has proudly displayed a Torbay Civic Society Blue Plaque since 2010)"*

The Town Council would be provided with framed limited edition prints at no charge, together with other display material if it was felt suitable.

### Ownership of prints

The Town Council will be provided with framed, limited edition prints which would become the property of the Town Council for the purposes of display to the general public.

A choice of prints and frames would be by agreement, subject to availability from the private collection.

### Care of prints

The natural light in the corridor is bright and whilst excellent for viewing, may make some prints susceptible to fading. Confirmation has been received that for as long as there is an available stock of the prints\*, replacement would be free of charge when necessary. For the foreseeable future, the family would personally replace them in their frames so as not

to incur the charges of a framer. (\*Note: same title replacement would only apply to prints available for sale, but a different print could be provided if necessary).

### **Insurance**

The pictures would all be prints (not originals) and collectively the value of around 10 framed prints would be in the region to £1,500 – 2,500. The Town Council would be responsible for insuring the prints.

### **Security**

Prints would need to be fixed to the wall. The corridor has no staff supervision or CCTV.

### **Display**

The family have offered to provide brief description cards for each print. The Town Council would be expected to promote the display to local people and visitors and do its best to make it accessible when practicable.

### **Regeneration of the Town Hall**

Consideration should be given to the potential regeneration plans of the Town Hall.

### **Recommendations**

That the Town Hall Sub Committee:

- 1) agrees to display John Chancellor prints for a temporary period
- 2) agrees to display in the corridor unless an alternative location in the Town Hall could be found