# **CAE Collections Team: Museums Disposal Panel Report**



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### **Domestic Furniture**

# **SECTION 1**

# 1.1 Description of Object/Objects

A collection of domestic furniture and a duplicator, currently stored in Butterworths Store. The 17 items do not appear to be accessioned and have been given 'T' (Temporary) numbers. There is no known documentation or provenance.

Object No.	Simple Name	Notes
T27	Wardrobe	Duplicate material
T634	Stool (Desk)	Duplicate material
T64	Drop Leaf table	Duplicate material
T1005	Kitchen Table	Duplicate material
T592	Double Sided Desk	Duplicate material
T20	Dressing Table/Drawers	Duplicate material/parts missing
T55	Desk	Duplicate material
T63(7)	Duplicator, Stand and Accessories	Duplicate material
T590	Bar Stool	Poor condition
T134	Mattress Frame	Duplicate material
T162(4)	School Desk	Duplicate material
T594	School Desk	Duplicate material
N/A	Chair	Duplicate material
N/A	Folding Table	Duplicate material
N/A	Chairs	Duplicate material - One of these chairs is accessioned 1987/70. According to the record only one chair was purchased.
N/A	Kitchen Table	Duplicate material

### 1.2 Reason For Disposal

It is recommended that these items are disposed of for the following reasons:

- The bulk of the items are not made by Lincolnshire manufacturers and have little known connection to the county, thereby falling outside Lincolnshire County Council's Collections Development Strategy (Draft 2007, following Collecting policy 2004).
- Some of the items duplicate accessioned material already in the collection. These
  accessioned examples are in better condition and have documentation and
  provenance.

- The items have not been on display, used, or assisted in helping with public enquiries or research in the last 10 years. They are under-used items.
- It is not known if the items are accessioned or not, despite extensive research. There is no history or provenance attached to these items.

### 1.3 Suggested Means of Disposal & Reason

It is recommended that the items are offered to other Accredited museums as a gift or transfer. For those items not required by another museum another appropriate home should be found within the public domain, e.g. school or university.

#### 1.4 Impact Statement

**Potential Risks** – because the objects do not appear to be accessioned and no provenance or documentation can be found, there is a risk that a potentially significant or rare item is disposed of. For the same reasons it is possible that an item not belonging to the museum, e.g. on loan, is disposed of. As the items are undocumented it is impossible to contact the donor to notify them of the potential disposal.

**Potential Benefits** – increased space in Butterworths Store for remaining collection and future acquisitions and improved care for remaining collection.

#### 1.5 Other Considerations

Any items not transferred to another Accredited museum or public institution may have to be disposed of by destruction. This may require the hiring of skips.

### 1.6 Recommendation

To deaccession and dispose of the items only after careful consideration of the potential risks.

### **SECTION 2**

(to be completed by Disposal Panel)

#### 2.1 Panel Decision

Fully agree with Disposal Report Section 1 recommendation		
Agree with Disposal Report Section 1 recommendation, with additional requirements/comment (section 2.2)	Х	
Disagree with Disposal Report recommendation for reasons given below (section 2.2)		1

#### 2.2 Additional Comments

Caveats/questions regarding disposal; reasons for disagreeing with recommendation; raise points requiring further clarification, for inclusion in Exec. Cllr. Report or resolution prior to submitting this report..

The panel asked for confirmation that the items might not have potential for use in the future. The suggestion was also made that if disposed of, the items might be sent to auction (if Museum Association approved this approach).

Signe	d:Jonathan Platt (Chair of Disposal Panel) Date:11/1/11
	SECTION 3 (to be completed by Collections Officer)
3.1	Exec Report No
3.2	Exec Decision No
3.3	Action / Date Completed Ensure a copy of the Authority deaccession/disposal form is attached to this sheet
3.4	Name, Contact Details & Status of Recipient Accredited museum, private museum etc.
3.5	New Location and Number of Object For future access, should enquiries come in.
3.6	Benefits Achieved for the Service/Object: Short summary tying back to section 1.4