

Date received:	21 st September 2024
Date responded:	17 th October 2024
Subject:	Douglas Promenade Benches

Question:

"Please could you confirm the cost of the new 'contemporary' benches that were purchased for Douglas promenade? Please clarify the overall cost of these benches and the number purchased. Please could you also clarify the what the additional modular options are likely to cost and how the council intend to 'mix things up'.

Response:

The overall cost of purchasing the 20 new benches, including delivery, was £50,000.

The older demographic population prefer to sit on seats that have backrests and sit normally on them however younger people prefer to lie on them like sun loungers or straddle the benches using the area in between them as a table. When choosing the design of seating it was with this multi-use function and type of flexibility of use we anticipated.

The additional modules to complete the installation will cost approximately £8,000 and will combine with the existing modules to better meet a variety of uses including sitting traditionally with backrests, eating and drinking and socialising face to face.