

FORM 5 (Rule 5)

Section 8 of Care of Cathedrals Measure 2011 Notice of Decision of Fabric Advisory Committee

TAKE NOTICE that the Chapter of the Cathedral Church of:

The Cathedral and Metropolitical Church of St Peter in York

applied on *insert date*

11th November 2025

for approval of the following proposal: *complete as on Form 3*

Conservation of an oak armchair with brown suede upholstery bearing a decorative roundel with cross keys pertinent to the cathedral (Inventory no. YORDC/2015/14), to allow it to be retained in use in services in York Minster.

Summary of the nature of work and its extent (and materials) [or in the case of an object, a short description of it and details of the proposal]

The chair has been in regular use during services in the nave. It was removed from active use in December 2024 due to wear and tear to the leather, including the roundel, sustained over time. It was last repaired and re-upholstered in 1990.

Specialist leather conservators at the Leather Centre, Northampton, have provided a methodology – please see conservation report. Certain elements, for example the specific lining fabric to be selected and the adhesive to be used, will be subject to tests in the conservation studio.

- Surface cleaning to remove dust and engrained deposits.
- Lining of the leather with a non-woven fabric applied to the grain surface to provide support and strength.
- Clean metal dome-headed nails.
- Reattach leather to wooden structure using original nails and supplementing with adhesive where necessary.
- Fill small areas of loss and provide additional support as needed to the front of split areas of leather to ensure edges don't catch when in use, and visually integrate.
- Carry out tests to better understand the composition and stability of the red pigment of the decoration and consolidate if necessary.
- Document and write report of treatment including recommendations on use and long-term care.

Representations

Representations in writing in respect of the above proposal were received from: *list any statutory consultees and other bodies and give total number of representations from members of the public*

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Decision

At a meeting of the Fabric Advisory Committee held on:

11th December 2025

the above proposal and representations were considered and the Committee decided to:
delete as appropriate

1. Approve the proposal

Signed



Secretary of the Fabric Advisory Committee

Dated: 5th January 2026

NOTES:

1. A copy of this Notice is to be sent or delivered to the bodies or persons specified in Rule 5(7), as applicable [to the Chapter, the Cathedrals Fabric Commission and any other bodies who received a copy of the Form 3].

2. Within 7 days of receipt of this Notice the administrator of the Cathedral Church is to display a copy of it inside and outside the cathedral where it will be readily visible to the public for a period of not less than 28 days.