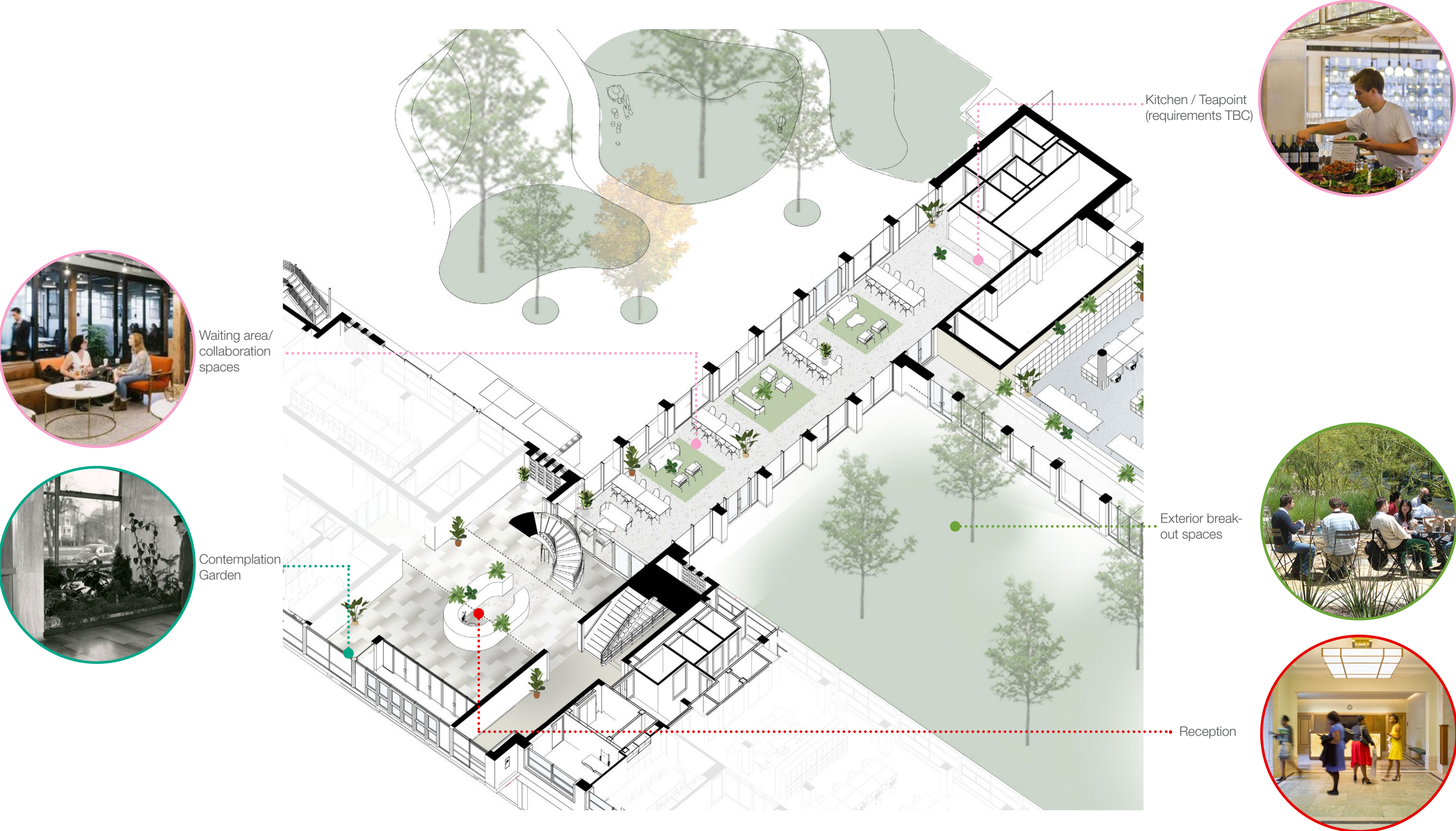




7 Interior Design

7.2 Civic / Community Functions

7.2.1 Lobby & Welcome Space





7 Interior Design

7.2 Civic / Community Functions

7.2.2 Council Chamber

Heritage Significance
The existing council chamber is a generous space, assessed as ‘high significance’ in the Montagu Evans Heritage Report

Proposal
The council chamber is the democratic heart of the borough. But there are only a limited numbers of council meetings per year, therefore it is proposed the space be flexible to allow a variety of other activities to take place. Flexibility is to be achieved, without significant compromise of the primary democratic function through the use of appropriate furniture and flexible IT/AV systems.

- Functions**
- Primary function:**
- Council meetings
- Potential Secondary Functions:**
- Events (e.g. pop-up cinema, music events)
 - Lectures and conferences
 - Special ceremonies

- Proposed Refurbishment Works:**
- Repair, refurbishment of existing wall finishes including acoustic timber panels, leather wall and stone
 - Refurbishment of gallery seats
 - Ceiling to be rebuilt as per original design;
 - New carpet with bespoke design
 - New loose furniture
 - Curtains

Users and Accessibility
The lower level of the council chamber is fully accessible to wheelchair users. However, the Public Gallery would require substantial structural changes to allow level access, which would be detrimental to the heritage value. LBH is committed to providing public access to the lower level.

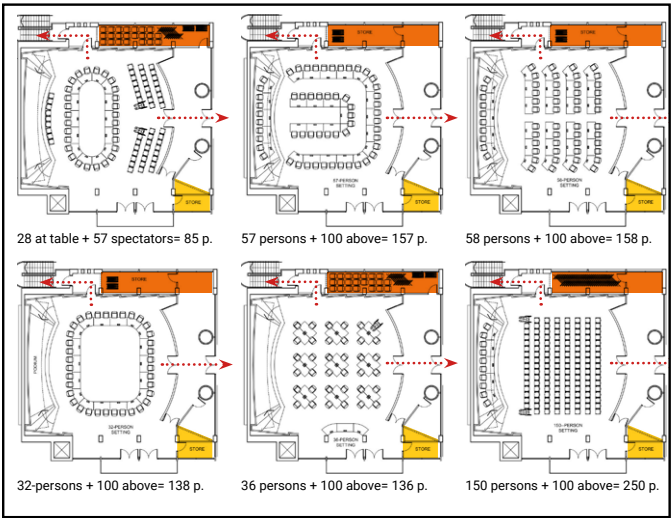
Furniture
New loose furniture will provide a variety of work-settings. Possible layouts are indicated in the brief document ‘Furniture Tests’ - see diagram right.

MEP
Upgrade of heating, cooling, ventilation, IT and AV systems.
Re-uses existing risers and voids for distribution
Re-use of existing built-in lighting - incorporating new fittings

Further Information
Refer to section 7.4 for a detailed scope of refurbishment works

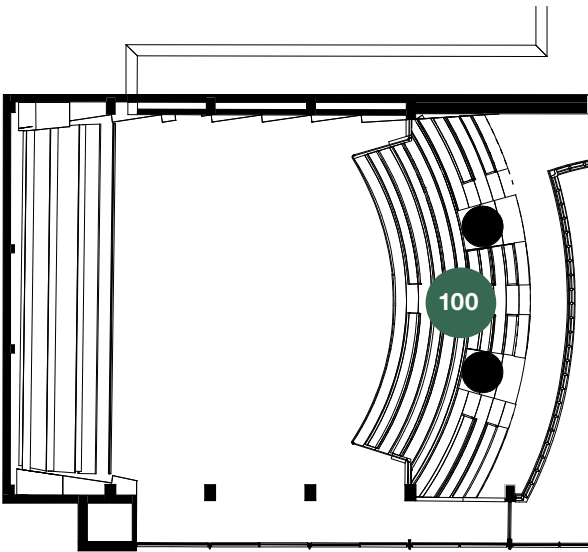
Seating figures for main function layout		
	Seats in gallery	approx. 100
	Seats in ground floor	60
	Seats in podium	7
	Disabled seats	3

Key:
--> Circulation

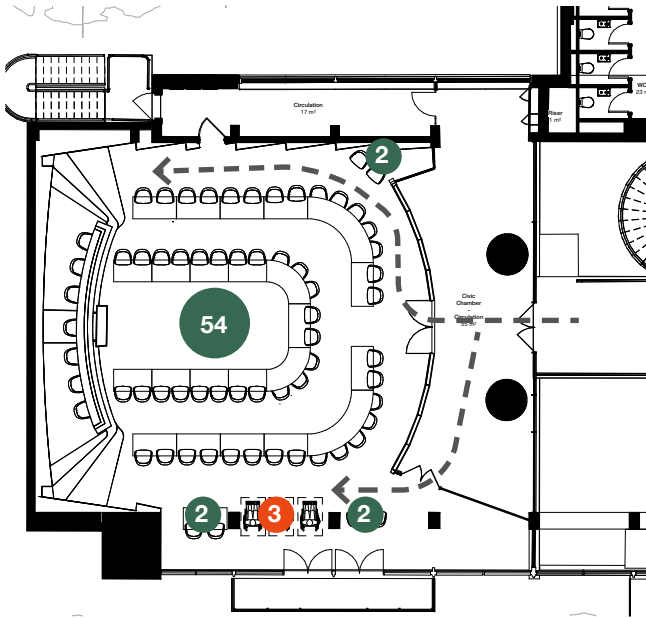


Furniture Tests (please refer to technical brief)

Plan View

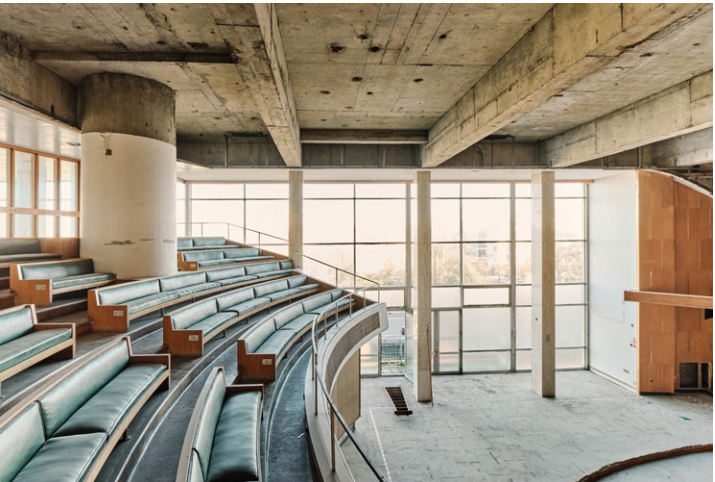


Gallery view - 2nd Floor



Council chamber main function layout - 1st Floor

Existing Photos



Ground Floor pre-strip out (top) and gallery post-strip out (bottom)

Architectural Precedent



Corby Cube
New-built Council Chamber with flexible furniture setting and a feature lighting.



7.2.3 Committee Rooms / Mayors Parlour

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7 Interior Design

7.2 Civic / Community Functions

7.2.4 Shared Space (Staff / Community)

Heritage Significance

The old Registrar area includes characterful spaces assessed as ‘medium significance’ in the Montagu Evans Heritage Statement

Proposal

The council will offer support spaces to the community in the old Registrar spaces. This area is conveniently separated from other areas of the building and has direct access to the woodland area. The space will also be available for use by council staff during working hours.

Functions

- Meeting / event space for community groups
- Meeting rooms for council staff
- Special council events - bigger marriage room

Proposed Refurbishment Works:

- Repair, refurbishment of existing wall finishes including acoustic timber panels, leather wall and stone
- Refurbishment of glazed screens and sliding doors
- Refurbishment of built in furniture and folding doors
- New ceilings
- New carpet
- New loose furniture
- Curtains

Potential Users and Accessibility

- Staff and visitors
- Community Groups
- Charity organizations

All rooms are wheelchair accessible.

Furniture

New loose furniture

MEP

Upgrade of heating, cooling, ventilation, IT and AV systems. Re-uses existing risers and ceiling voids for distribution Refurbishment of existing bespoke light fittings integrating new lamps/wiring.

Further Information

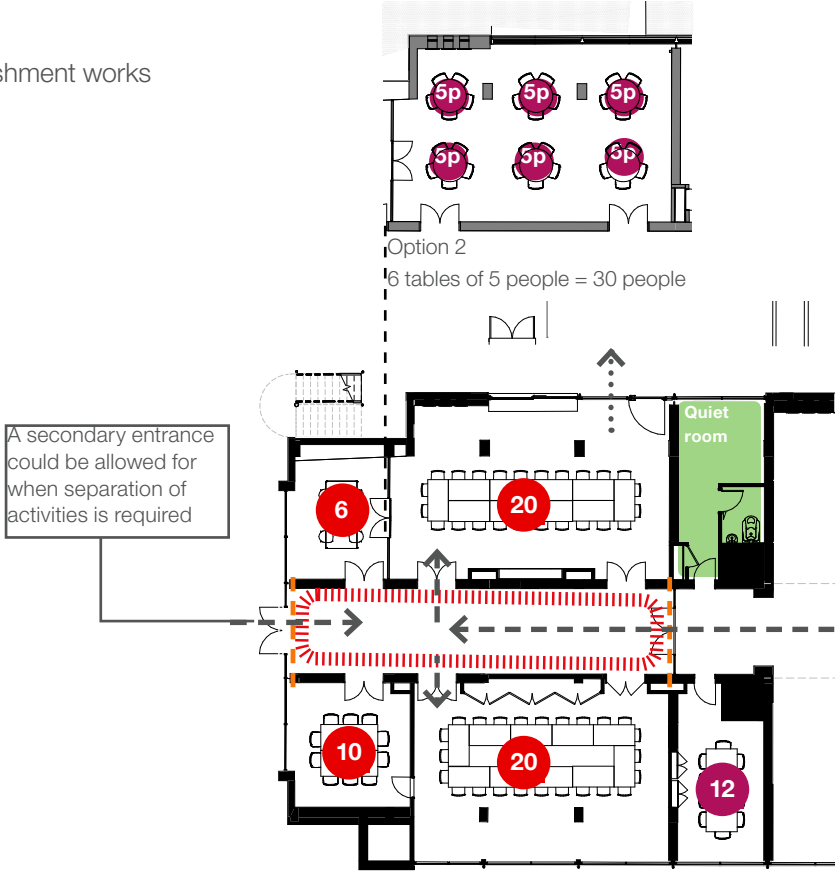
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West Wing Figures		
	Shared spaces occ.	60
	Meeting room seats (Council)	12
Storage		
	Built-in heritage storage	XX linear meters

Key:

- Toilets / Changing places space / Kitchen Area
- Quiet room for staff (faith and reflection)
- Potential Gallery Area
- Circulation
- Secure Line
- Openable window in summer (TBC)

Plan View



Existing Photos



Former Registrar Rooms

Architectural Precedent



Small meeting Rooms - Brooklyn Library
Spaces dedicated to community partners



Flexible Spaces - Phoenix Community Gardens , Soho
New-built Council Chamber with flexible furniture setting and a feature lighting.

