

**COUNCIL:**

**12 SEPTEMBER 2019**

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**PUBLIC QUESTION 1**

**QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR PETER BRADBURY  
(CABINET MEMBER FOR CULTURE AND LEISURE)**

**PUBLIC QUESTION FROM YVONNE MURPHY**

I, along with other members of the arts and cultural sector and wider Cardiff population, am concerned about a potential lack of experience of any selected future private business sector company which may result in the decline of the quality of programming, breadth of offer to audiences and reputation of this prestigious Cardiff theatre. I would therefore like to ask the Council to outline the process being used to select a new management provider for Cardiff's New Theatre. It is my understanding that in February 2017 Council agreed a 3 stage process to find a new management provider who would pay rent to the Council and that the first stage agreed by Council was to set up a not for profit Independent Trust. It is also my understanding that this has not happened. Can council please confirm if this agreed three stage process is being adhered to, that an independent not for profit trust is being set up and that a rigorous and transparent selection process is taking place?