

EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL

9 DECEMBER 2022

Proposed by Councillor Jon Shimmin

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Request for extraordinary meeting of council

Under the provisions of Cardiff Council's Council Meeting Procedure Rule 4 (b) (iv), we call on the Lord Mayor of Cardiff to call an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council to consider the following motion:

This Council notes with alarm the speed at which the Cabinet may be moving towards a decision to change the ownership and/or management of the city's St David's Hall, regarded by many as the national concert hall of Wales, and before any such decision is taken demands that:

- 1) A full business case is published by the Cabinet demonstrating why it considers the proposals would be of benefit to the community of Cardiff and the wider nation;
- 2) the Cabinet demonstrates how any such proposal would preserve the city's cultural heritage by providing all necessary safeguards that the Hall's current cultural and classical output would be preserved at current levels or greater, that the current provision for community events would be maintained, and that the well-recognised excellent acoustics of the Hall would be unaffected by any proposed structural alterations or proposals to remove existing seating;

- 3) a full and meaningful consultation is undertaken with the public and key stakeholders on the merits of the proposals, and the outcome of this consultation is given due and proper consideration; and
- 4) all alternative avenues to secure the funding necessary to maintain the building and clear the current maintenance backlog are fully explored – including asking the Welsh Government to provide financial assistance to secure the future of our publicly owned and operated national concert hall.

If, after taking these steps, the Cabinet still determines it is minded to proceed with changing the ownership and/or management of St David's Hall, then this Council calls for that to be achieved through an open tendering process which could ensure the best available option can be considered, subject to appropriate safeguards being able to be met.