

EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL

9 DECEMBER 2022

AMENDMENT 1 TO NOTICE OF MOTION

Proposed by: Councillor Adrian Robson

Seconded by: Councillor Joel Williams

Delete everything after the first paragraph and add the following:

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- 2) the Cabinet demonstrating how any such proposal would preserve the city's cultural heritage by providing safeguards that the Hall's current cultural and classical output and community events would be preserved at current levels or greater, and that the well-recognised excellent acoustics of the Hall would be unaffected by any proposed structural alterations or proposals to remove existing seating. A fund should also be established to assist with hiring costs to support the ongoing community events.
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The Amended Motion would read:

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:

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