



## **Friends of Stretford Public Hall Board of Directors**

### **Update on Key Decisions December 2018**

#### **Board members / governance and staffing**

We welcomed two new Board Members, Johnny Haslam and Charlotte O'Mara.

#### **Funding and finances / Staffing**

We were delighted to have successfully been awarded £97,000 grant from Viridor which would assist with the outstanding capital costs in relation to planned works to the Ballroom and Underhall. Our new part-time Finance Officer had also commenced her role.

#### **Ballroom transformation**

There have been delays to Underhall renovation in part due to additional work outside of original scope which will improve the overall space for future use by groups.

As a result of these delays, the Board gave careful consideration to next phase 3b work to main Ballroom and timing of this in order to minimise disruption to bookings in the New Year. Details to be announced in New Year.

#### **Events and activities**

Due to ongoing refurbishment works, activities have been relocated to nearby venues and we were delighted to re-open the hall on 22 November with the excellent Art Exhibition organised by SAC32 Art Exhibition. Over 1,000 people attended over the four days. FoSPH received a community award during a ceremony at the Locality convention in Bristol in November attended by over 500 people. During Awards ceremony a short film was shown about the work of FoSPH.