



Friends of Stretford Public Hall Board of Directors

Update on Key Decisions January 2019

Ballroom transformation

Board were delighted to report that the work to the Underhall was almost complete including full decoration and flooring. Lighting to be installed shortly. Board looked forward to officially relaunching the space to our members on 2 February when we have our first Back to the Civic event.

Board agreed that the final renovation work (Phase 3b Ballroom) would commence in June 2019. This would allow us to continue to open the hall for our events and activities whilst providing sufficient time to fully scope works and tender the contract. With the completion of Phase 3a, Board had gained valuable experience and learning and were now more confident and in a better position to complete Phase 3b.

Finance / fundraising

Board received notification of match funding of £10k from Trafford Housing Trust which would release £97k funding from Viridor towards Phase 3b renovation. However, Board noted that due to contract variations on Phase 3a and unexpected costs around roof repairs, we anticipated a shortfall in funding. Board were confident that this could be raised from grant funding.

Events and activities

The Hall is now running its regular activities including Wellbeing Tuesdays and Creative Thursdays until April, with break for half-term

Stretford Singers - running in January and February but will then be a break while Hannah goes on maternity leave for six weeks

Back to the Civic: Saturday 2nd February

Community Cinema

- Family friendly edition on 3rd February:
- Adult cinema 23rd March – Arts based film

Filming - The Hall was used as a BBC filming location in early January