

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

**MEETING HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, BOOTLE
ON 25 MAY 2022**

PRESENT: Councillor Robinson (in the Chair)
Councillor Roche (Vice-Chair)

Councillors McGinnity, Lunn-Bates and Hansen

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Danny Burns, Cluskey, Dowd, John Joseph Kelly, Shaw, Sir Ron Watson, Howard, Spencer, Pugh and Prendergast.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of any disclosable pecuniary interests or personal interests were received.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2022 be confirmed as a correct record.

4. SOUTHPORT THEATRE & CONVENTION CENTRE – DISPOSAL OF FIXTURES AND FITTINGS

The Committee considered the report of the Executive Director Place, which sought approval to dispose of fixtures and fittings in the Southport Theatre and Convention Centre that were no longer needed due to the plans to demolish the existing venue and build the new Marine Lake Events Centre.

The Head of Economic Growth and Housing presented the report and explained that it was good practice to dispose of the fixtures and fittings within the building, such as catering equipment, redundant lights etc., in a sustainable manner and achieve the maximum value for money sale of assets, prior to demolition of the existing facility.

Due to the number and specialist nature of fixtures and fittings it was proposed that a specialist auction house would oversee the process from start to finish on behalf of the Council.

The Head of Economic Growth and Housing reassured Members that no historical elements of significance would be disposed of and it was

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anticipated that where possible, items such as Art Deco lighting, sprung dance floor and historic projectors would be incorporated into the new events centre (reused either as features or upcycled) .

Members requested that details of total proceeds of the auction be provided to Audit and Governance Committee in due course.

RESOLVED:

That approval be granted for the disposal, in accordance with Council procedures, of all redundant fixtures and fittings in the Southport Theatre and Convention Centre (STCC) as part of the Marine Lake Events Centre project.