

<b>Committee</b>	<b>FULL COUNCIL</b>
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## **Queens Hall Floor**

The resanding and sealing of the Queens Hall floor was considered at the budget seminar in 2021, but at that time it was decided not to take this action to preserve the floor in good condition. Since that decision was taken, the floor has continued to be used more frequently than in the past with an average of 40-45 bookings per month, and on some days 3 or 4 bookings. The caretakers are now saying that it is becoming more difficult to keep the floor clean, as it is becoming scratched and marked through frequent use.

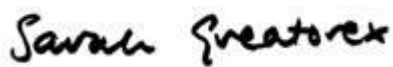
The floor at Queens Hall was sanded and sealed as part of the refurbishment in 2017. Several quotes were obtained at that time, but the work was awarded to a company who had previously worked on the floor. The same company has taken a look at the floor, and suggested that a light sanding and revarnishing would put it in good condition for another 4 years, and would remove any scratches. They gave a quote in autumn 2021, but have agreed to honour that quote rather than add in recent price rises, as HTC is a respected customer.

As Queens Hall is now so important in generating revenue for the Council, and is regarded by all those who hire it as a clean, bright, well maintained environment, it is essential that it is kept in good condition. There is a budget of £1500 for general maintenance at Queens Hall, and further funds could be taken from the as yet unallocated surplus made in the previous financial year.

Cost:

£3574 + VAT

**Recommendation:** that HTC approves the resanding and sealing of the Queens Hall floor.



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