



What is your view?

The future of the Marina Theatre

Lowestoft Town Council now owns the Marina Theatre building.

You might be surprised to know that it does not own the neighbouring 'Zenith' building which houses the Theatre's café, box office and meeting rooms.

Despite this building being fundamentally important to the operation of theatrical services, or indeed any future use, we and the Marina Theatre Trust are currently dependent on a third party for its continued use.

Waveney District Council was in the process of buying the 'Zenith' building but as they have now transferred the Marina Theatre building to Lowestoft Town Council, it makes more sense for the Town Council to take over this process. We have a vested interest in securing the future viability of the Marina Theatre building and the Trust that manages the theatre services.

We propose to buy the 'Zenith' building and enter into a suitable relationship with the Marina Theatre Trust, who are already our tenants in the main theatre building, so that they have the security of the same landlord for the 'Zenith' building. The Marina Theatre Trust supports this proposal and believes this is the best option for the future of the building and the theatre services that benefit the community.

The building would be purchased through the Town Council's reserves and from a loan for the remainder (likely to be £200,000), which over 20 years, on current rates, would be repaid through initial payments totalling less than £15,000 for year 1 with reducing payments subsequently. The loan payments would be met through our arrangement with the Marina Theatre Trust and there would be no additional cost to the taxpayer.

Please let us know your views on the proposal to buy the building and to borrow money towards its purchase. We have a short window before the special Town Council meeting on 20 April 2018 to consider any views. So, please let us know by 16:00 on that date.

The meeting itself provides a further opportunity for you to give your views or ask questions in the public forum, which is early on the agenda after a few preliminaries. The meeting is at 19:30 at Waveney District Council offices, 4 Canning Road, NR33 0EQ.

How do I give my views?

- Email us on info@lowestofttowncouncil.uk
- Through the website www.lowestofttowncouncil.gov.uk/contact-us/marina-theatre-zenith-building-consultation
- Phone us on 03300 536019
- Write to us (to reach us by the deadline): Lowestoft Town Council, Hamilton House, Battery Green Road, NR32 1DE