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News this week

Manchester City Council

We had a very useful and productive meeting with some key senior officers (staff) of Manchester City Council this week, with a thorough exploration of the possible repairs and acquisition options ahead of us for this building. The potentially severe difficulties faced by trying to use a compulsory purchase order were **fully and clearly explored**, such as the complex logistics and legal hurdles for a fully-funded back-to-back transfer based on the District Valuer's assessment of market value.

We remain committed to reaching out to the current owners to try and find a mutually agreeable way forward, and our commitment to securing the future of the building remains undiminished. We have yet to receive a reply to our recent communications, but we will persevere.

We are also keen to discuss our plans with officers in **other sections** of Manchester City Council, for example looking at our **cultural offer**, sensitive **development** in keeping with the Grade II listing, economic impacts as a **workplace** for small enterprises in the **cultural industries**, as a **venue** for rehearsal, filming and performance, and across all of these as a **community resource**.



Good governance

As mentioned previously, we are working to create a strong **safeguarding culture** and policy from the outset for our new company, and our current Board Report is planned to be followed by a bespoke training session for the company Board and wider membership.