Cabinet Meeting: Monday, 04 August 2025

Question from: Councillor Dickenson

Question to: Councillor Dacre, Cabinet Member with

responsibility for Resources

## QUESTION

Please will the Cabinet publish a full public report outlining the planned £2.6 m works to the Halifax Town Hall. I appreciate that Calderdale Councillors were only recently made aware of these plans, but it is important that local residents are fully informed about any significant works to this public building.

## Response

The funding for works to Halifax Town Hall was recommended to Council by Cabinet on 10 February, as part of the Council's Capital Investment Strategy. The Strategy was approved by Full Council on the 12<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

You will be aware that there have been a number of recent drop in sessions at the Town Hall for Members to discuss the works with Officers.

These works form part of the response to the annual assessment of the whole corporate estate, to address priority health and safety, accessibility and security issues. Linked to this, building on existing plans to optimise the council's estate and in response to Members' desire to more fully utilise the Town Hall, the proposals will create opportunities to increase the use of this significant heritage building.

The precise detail of the works is subject to further review, surveys, planning and conservation considerations, including listed building consent. As the detail becomes clearer, then the plans will be shared more widely.