

**QUESTION BY A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC  
UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 12**

**Council Meeting:**        **Wednesday, 24 September 2025**

**Question from:**        **Pete Keal**

**Question to:**        **Councillor Danielle Durrans**

**QUESTION**

Square Chapel Community Interest Company, which closed Square Chapel Arts Centre last February, proposes to rent out the Centre as green rooms for Piece Hall Concerts from May to September each year and is trying to find someone else to run an Arts Centre in the building for the rest of the time. What action will Calderdale Council take in response to these proposals?

**RESPONSE**

Although two small parcels of Council land are leased to Square Chapel CIC for use in conjunction with the building, Square Chapel is not owned by Calderdale Council and the Council has no direct influence over how the building is used. Arts Council England holds a charge on the building and has primary responsibility for taking decisions on future use of the building.

Officers are aware of the current position in respect of the operator and have been in discussion with Arts Council England representatives on the future of the building and how it is used. Whilst the Council would like to be involved and support decisions on the future use of the Arts Centre, it does not have any direct responsibility for the process and how this will be managed. Like many residents and local organisations, the Council would like to see Square Chapel brought back into use as a fully functioning arts centre.