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## **Bringing the Victoria Hall Back to the Centre of the Community**

Radstock Action Group would like to see the following included. These are not in any specific order:

- A Council Chamber for Radstock Town Council, properly equipped with audio and video equipment and available for rent to local organizations for meetings
- The return of Radstock Town Council Offices to the Hall
- A café
- A flexible studio/events space suitable for dance activities, films, drama, music and art exhibitions
- Office spaces of varying sizes for hire, either for short slots or for longer lease
- Snooker to remain
- A tourist and information office for the town and surrounding area
- A range of meeting and activity rooms

### **Radstock Action Group would like to see the following principles applied to the renovations:**

- The Victoria Hall is a medium-sized building, it has great potential and can be sympathetically extended to provide welcoming, fully accessible and flexible space for everyone in Radstock
- The people of Radstock will be willing to help to get the Victoria Hall back into use – they have relevant experience, expertise and commitment which must be used
- B&NES says it will cost £250,000 to get the hall to the required condition – this is not a huge amount compared with the costs of new public buildings, but it will require hard work in this period when there is little money to spend
- B&NES must look to finding partners in funding the building – Radstock people will be happy to help building up links and making the case
- Choice of architects and designers will be key to a successful and suitable building
- The aim should be to provide spaces for Radstock organizations and individuals who can then base their activities in the town rather than going elsewhere
- The inclusion of young people from the start will be crucial to success
- Any future plans should take into consideration the current Library building, the Children's/Youth Centre and other public buildings in the town
- There are many examples of good renovations of public buildings in Somerset, for example: Langport, Glastonbury, Ilminster, Martock, Shepton Mallet – we can learn from their experiences