

Item 10 - Replacement of Stage Curtains at Liskeard Public Hall

Purpose

This report seeks approval to replace the existing stage curtains at Liskeard Public Hall. The current curtains have reached the end of their useful life and no longer meet the standards expected of a modern public performance venue. Replacement will improve safety, enhance the appearance of the hall and complement the significant investment the Council has already made in upgrading the hall's sound and lighting systems.

Background

Liskeard Public Hall is one of the town's principal community venues, hosting theatre productions, concerts, dance performances, school events, civic ceremonies, public meetings and private functions.

In recent years, the Town Council has invested substantially in new sound and lighting equipment, significantly improving the technical capabilities of the venue. These improvements have been well received by users and audiences alike. However, the existing stage curtains are now visibly old and worn and do not reflect the high standard of the upgraded facilities.

Most importantly, the current curtains are no longer compliant with current fire safety requirements for a public entertainment venue. Their replacement is therefore both a safety necessity and an opportunity to complement the modernisation of the stage.

Benefits of Replacement

Fire Safety

The replacement curtains will be manufactured from certified flame-retardant materials suitable for use in public buildings, ensuring compliance with current fire safety standards and improving the safety of performers, staff, volunteers and audiences.

Improved Appearance

The stage is the focal point of the Public Hall. New curtains will provide a professional and attractive appearance, creating a much stronger first impression for visitors and enhancing every event held in the venue.

Complementing Recent Investment

The Council has already demonstrated its commitment to improving the Public Hall through investment in modern sound and lighting systems. Replacing the stage curtains will be a significant addition to this programme of improvements, ensuring that the visual presentation of the stage matches the quality of its technical facilities.

Supporting Community Use

The hall is used extensively by local theatre companies, schools, choirs, dance groups, musicians and community organisations, as well as our own civic events. Modern stage curtains will provide a more professional performance environment and help maintain the hall's reputation as one of South East Cornwall's premier community venues.

Long-Term Value

High-quality stage curtains have a long service life and require relatively little maintenance. This investment will provide benefits for many years while helping to protect one of Liskeard's most important community assets.

Estimated Cost

A budget quotation has been obtained from Direct Fabrics for the supply of made-to-measure flame-retardant stage curtains comprising:

- Main front stage curtains (Peacock) with three-pass blackout flame-retardant lining.
- Rear stage curtains (Black).
- Stage tabs (Black).

The total quoted cost for the complete package is **£4,953.60 including VAT**.

This quotation provides a realistic estimate of the cost of replacing all principal stage curtains with purpose-made, flame-retardant products suitable for use in the Public Hall.

The replacement will:

- Ensure compliance with current fire safety requirements.
- Complement the programme of improvements to the stage following investment in sound and lighting.
- Significantly enhance the appearance of the Public Hall.
- Improve facilities for local community groups and visiting performers.
- Protect and enhance an important civic asset for the benefit of residents and visitors.

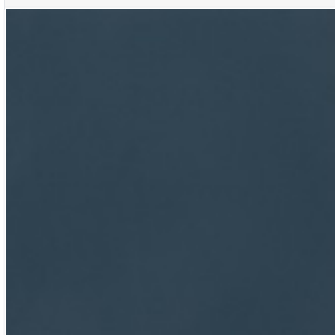
Conclusion

Replacing the stage curtains is an essential investment rather than simply an aesthetic improvement. It addresses an important fire safety issue while bringing the appearance of the stage into line with the high-quality sound and lighting systems already installed. The proposed expenditure represents good value for money and will benefit the Public Hall and its users for many years to come.

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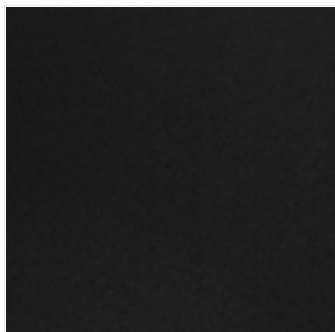
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Product name



Stage Curtains Flame Retardant 36 Colours

- **Colour:**Peacock
- **Room Reference:**Main
- **Track Width (cm):**900
- **Curtain Drop (cm):**400
- **Number of Curtains:**Pair of Curtains
- **Heading Style:**Lrg Trigger Hook Hand Hooks Hand Pleated - 50% Fullness (1.5x Track Width)
- **Lining:**3 Pass Blackout Flame Retardant Lining

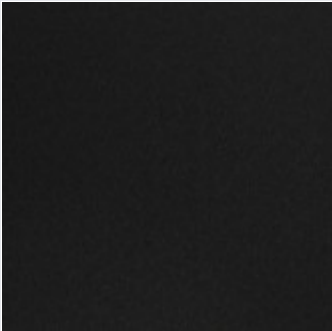


Stage Curtains Flame Retardant 36 Colours

- **Colour:**Black

Product name

- **Room Reference:**Rear
- **Track Width (cm):**900
- **Curtain Drop (cm):**400
- **Number of Curtains:**Pair of Curtains
- **Heading Style:**Lrg Trigger Hook Hand Hooks Hand Pleated - 50% Fullness (1.5x Track Width)
- **Lining:**Unlined



Stage Curtains Flame Retardant 36 Colours

- **Colour:**Black
- **Room Reference:**Tabs
- **Track Width (cm):**150
- **Curtain Drop (cm):**400
- **Number of Curtains:**Single Curtain
- **Heading Style:**Tie Tops - Hand Pleat 3" Top to Ties 50% Fullness 1.5x Track Width)
- **Lining:**Unlined

Subtotal

£4,953.60

Tax

£825.60

Grand Total Incl. Tax

£4,953.60