Statement to Cabinet 14-Nov-12

On behalf of radstock residents concern is expressed on the inclusion of a £100,000 for the Radstock and Westfield Economic Forum, in the \$500,000 allocated for Radstock regeneration. There is no indication as to how the members of this group are choosen /elected, or what measurable financial accountability they have to the people of radstock. Neither is there any indication as to what contribution they will make that justifies their access to a regeneration budget. The concern is we will see a repeat of the NRR debacle, where considerable amounts of Public Money were wasted with no sensible results by a similarly vaugely organised body.

These are the questions we would like to table for a seperate reply

I Re Economic Forum -- Press release is headed £500,000 for Radstock but includes £100.000 for Radstock and Westfield economic forum please clarify

2 Press release specifies £160,000 for Victoria Hall, Sincce £250,000 has already been announced, is this funding additional

3 Press release specifies £100,000 for economic forum, who is on it, how are the members selected, how will decisions to be made, and how are they to be accountable

4 If the library is to be incorporated into the Victoria Hall, will the money from the sale of the redundant building be used in support of the hall

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