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## **PLANS FOR NEW PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE IN LYMM LAUNCHED**

Plans for a new performing arts centre in Lymm, to serve both all the local schools and the community, were launched this week. They propose building a new purpose-built facility on the Lymm High School site equipped with a large performance space, drama, dance and music studios and practice rooms, and media facilities including a recording studio. The plans are based on a community-wide consultation in late 2021 which had over 200 responses, and on lots of discussions with existing groups about what they need.

The plans have been developed by the Lymm Performing Arts Working Group, whose members include senior officers and councillors from Warrington Borough Council, local MP Andy Carter, and representatives from local schools and from the Lymm Festival.

The centre will cost around £3 million to build and equip, and the Working Group is working with Warrington Borough Council to identify how the centre will be funded.

Kieran Walshe, who has chaired the group, said: “Lymm has fantastic community performing arts but they are limited by woeful facilities. Many groups have to go to Altrincham, Runcorn or further afield to find places to practice and perform. This new centre will enable the performing arts to flourish and expand with huge benefits for children, adults and the whole community. We’ve had fantastic support from everyone we have talked to about this project.”

The full case for investment is on the Lymm Performing Arts website at [www.lymmperformingarts.org.uk](http://www.lymmperformingarts.org.uk). For more information, email [info@lymmperformingarts.org.uk](mailto:info@lymmperformingarts.org.uk).

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