



# AGENDA AND JOINING INSTRUCTIONS

Wednesday 21 September 2022 at 6.30 pm  
Virtual Meeting - Online

## Agenda

- 1 Attendance**  
(Members will be checked-in as they enter the meeting – please ensure you use your real, full name. A draft attendance list will then be circulated after the meeting. Please advise the Secretary of any errors or omissions in the draft list.)
- 2 Membership Changes** (Page 4)
  - a) Changes of representatives
  - b) New membership applications
- 3 Updates from Member Organisations**  
(Please advise the Secretary before the meeting if you wish to raise a topic under this agenda item.)
- 4 Environment**
  - a) Presentation from the Environment Agency on their ambition for Net Zero Emissions by 2030
  - b) Presentation from Councillor Luke Everitt, Cabinet Member for Environment, Sustainability and Carbon Reduction
- 5 Update on the former cinema site**  
Presentation from Don Sloan, Chair of the Town Forum
- 6 Update on the Town Centre Area Plan**  
Presentation from Hilary Smith, Economic Development Manager, TWBC
- 7 Update on the UK Share Prosperity Fund**  
Presentation from Hilary Smith, Economic Development Manager, TWBC
- 8 Update from the Borough Council**  
Presentation from Councillor Justine Rutland, Cabinet Member for Tunbridge Wells and surrounding areas
- 9 Reports from the Town Forum Working Groups** (Pages 5 - 6)
  - a) Planning Working Group
  - b) Transport Working Group
  - c) Culture, Leisure and Wellbeing Working Group
  - d) Finance Working Group
  - e) Water in the Wells Working Group
- 10 Cost of Living Summit**  
Presentation from Don Sloan, Chair of Town Forum

**11 Venue for Future Meetings**

Presentation from Don Sloan, Chair of Town Forum

**12 Urgent Business or Topics for Future Meetings**

**13 Future Meetings**

- 24 November 2022 – AGM (moved from 17 November)
- 19 January 2023 (unchanged)
- 30 March 2023 (moved from 23 March)

Minutes of the meeting on 16 June 2022 will be circulated separately as soon as possible.



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3. The organisers may mute or unmute all or individual microphones if necessary, but we will try to avoid this.
4. If you wish to speak during the meeting please either type 's' in the chat window or raise your hand using the 'reactions' button. The Chairman will invite you to speak to avoid multiple people trying to speak at once. Please unmute your own microphone when invited to speak by the Chairman and mute again afterwards.
5. The meeting will be open early, from 6.15pm, for those who are not used to Zoom so that you can become familiar with the platform.



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## **Membership Changes**

### **a) Changes of representatives**

Ruth Chambers is now the substitute representative for Tunbridge Wells Older People's Forum, previously Veronika Segall-Jones. Denise Watts remains the primary representative.

### **b) New membership applications**

The Potteries Residents' and Owner's Group. David Scott is primary representative and Michael Paynter is substitute representative.



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## **Reports from the Town Forum Working Groups**

### **a) Planning Working Group**

Update from Mark Booker

### **b) Transport Working Group**

Written report attached, update from Jane Fenwick

### **c) Culture, Leisure and Wellbeing Working Group**

(Formerly Culture, Leisure and Tourism Working Group)

Update from Stuart Anderson

### **d) Finance Working Group**

Update from David Wakefield

### **e) Water in the Wells Working Group**

Update from Michael Holman

(The Wellbeing Working Group has been disbanded.)

## **Report of the Transport Working Group for the RTW Town Forum meeting on September 21st 2022**

The Transport Working Group (TWG) met on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022 with the following members present Jane Fenwick (chair), Cllr Peter Lidstone, Katharina Mahler-Bech, Chris Fergusson- Gow, Lorna Blackmore, Carol Wilson, David Scott. Apologies: Adrian Berendt

- 1. TWBC/Town Forum Liaison:** As this was the first meeting since the local elections in May and the formation of the Borough Partnership, TWG member Cllr Peter Lidstone explained his new role as Walking and Cycling Champion and chair of the Joint Transportation Board (JTB). Transport issues for RTW are now covered by Cllr Rutland, and the overall environment brief is with Cllr Luke Everitt. KCC's transport structure has also changed to bespoke teams including one for Active Travel. PL said he wants progress on active travel to be reported at each JTB. Currently the project orientated approach tends to lose sight of their contribution to the strategic objective of enabling more active travel.
- 2. Progress towards sustainable and active travel objectives:**
  - a) 20mph town scheme:** JF advised that the town-wide 20mph scheme prepared earlier this year by TWG has been submitted to Cllr Justine Rutland. She has discussed it with TWBC and KCC councillors and officers. More work is needed to gain the support of local people and councillors before this project can be taken forward. The TWG decided at its July meeting that it would develop a strategy to show that when speeds limited to 20mph in RTW other active travel interventions are possible and will help to foster a culture change towards greater safety, fewer emissions and less pollution.
  - b) Car parks:** In light of concern within the town about rising parking fees, JF emailed Cllrs Rutland and Lidstone to highlight how higher parking fees can impact on-street parking, congestion and pollution. In addition, a paper has been written that updated the ideas suggested by the TWG's response to the consultation in 2015 for the TWBCs Draft Parking Strategy 2015 -26. With 000s of empty car park places available any day, those people parking on-street should be incentivised to park in the car parks so the TWBC gains more income and also more street space is released for cycling and walking. This paper was submitted last month to Cllr Rutland and Hilary Smith TWBC.
  - c) Vision Zero:** The KCC safety strategy, Vision Zero, should provide an opportunity to move from piecemeal improvements to pedestrian safety that take years to achieve, to a more town-wide approach. A map of high risk places where pedestrian cross roads is being prepared.
- 3. Co-Wheels:** PL advised that the TW Co-Wheels scheme was among the most used in the country. Three new vehicles will be developer- funded to add to the fleet soon.
- 4. Transport for the South East - strategic plan:** A response has been submitted for this consultation.

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