



**Agenda for RTW Town Forum Meeting
23 April 2025 (6pm to 8pm)**

The Old Auction House, Royal Tunbridge Wells

1. **Welcome & Introductions** - Adrian Berendt
 - Brief overview of the meeting objectives
2. **Update on Devolution Story & TWBC Working Group** - Stuart Anderson
 - Progress so far
 - Key discussions and decisions
3. **Town Forum research into Town Councils** - Catherine Rankin
 - What do town councils do?
 - Examples of other town councils (e.g., Sevenoaks, Chippenham)
4. **Members' Feedback (Questionnaire)** - Stuart Anderson
 - Do you think Tunbridge Wells should have its own Town Council?
 - What do you see as the benefits or challenges?
 - Discussion of initial responses and key themes
5. **Next Steps** - Stuart Anderson
 - Sevenoaks Town Council visit
 - Engagement with TWBC working group
 - Identifying appropriate town assets for a Town Council to manage.
6. **Community Interest Company** - David Scott
 - What is a CIC?
 - What can it do?
 - How it would work with a new Town Council
7. **Request for Volunteers**
 - Opportunities in communications, and community outreach
 - How residents can get involved
8. **Q&A and Open Discussion**
 - Addressing questions from attendees
 - Collecting further feedback and suggestions
9. **Closing Remarks**

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