

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

TONBRIDGE FORUM

14 September 2015

Report of the Chief Executive

Part 1- Public

Matters for Information

1 REVIEW OF THE TONBRIDGE FORUM

1.1 Background

1.1.1 Members of the Forum will be aware that the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee is currently undertaking a review of the ways in which the Borough Council engages with Parish Councils and with Local Community Groups in Tonbridge focusing on the Parish Partnership Panel and Tonbridge Forum.

1.1.2 All Forum Members have been invited to complete a short questionnaire and a number of have already completed and returned these. However, as the consultation period covered the main holiday period, and at the request of KALC, we have extended the original deadline of the 24th August to the 25th September to allow more time for responses to be made.

1.1.3 If they have not already done so, Forum Members are encouraged to complete a questionnaire to enable the Member Panel undertaking the review to be fully informed of local views on this issue.

1.1.4 Responses received to date from Forum members suggest that there is support for reviewing how Forum currently operates. Whilst some support its discontinuation, the current majority view is to continue the Forum but to reduce the frequency of meetings and review their format. A further report on the review will be made to a future meeting of the Forum.

Background papers:

Nil

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