

# Summons and Agenda



Town Hall  
Royal Tunbridge Wells

Thursday, 29 June 2023

To the Members of the Tunbridge Wells Borough Council

I request your attendance at a meeting of the Tunbridge Wells Borough Council to be held at the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells, TN1 1RS, on Wednesday, 5 July 2023, at 6.30 pm, when the following business is proposed to be transacted.

- 8      **Questions from members of the Council**      (Pages 3 - 4)  
To receive any questions from members of the Council, of which due notice has been given in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10, to be submitted and answered.

**William Benson**  
Chief Executive

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## Questions from members of the Council

For Full Council on 05 July 2023

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### Question 1

From Councillor Holden 28/06/2023 12:55

To Councillor Chapelard (Leader of Council)

“Can you tell me the name of the private contractor which is giving equality, diversity and inclusivity training to TWBC staff? Are the providers Nelson Training or Inclusive Employers and is the training package from Flick E-learning?

2. Can you provide me with the text and the power point slides which are used by this company which is paid with public money to train TWBC staff?
3. Can you confirm the costs spent on this training already and the costs projected for the future?
4. These training sessions, I believe, are compulsory for staff. Are they free to disagree with the trainers and put, for instance gender critical viewpoints? Can they refuse to attend for any reason?
5. Are staff encouraged to state their pronouns.

### Question 2

From Councillor White (1 of 2, 29/06/2023 10:07)

To Councillor Rutland (Portfolio Holder for Economic Development)

“Can you please provide clarification on whether KCC or TWBC is responsible for the oversight and running of the traffic scheme on Mount Pleasant, outside the Public Realm, which is currently causing residents so much concern. And as part of this can you also please confirm who residents should direct their petition questioning the scheme to – KCC or TWBC?”

## Question 3

From Councillor White (2 of 2, 29/06/2023 10:07)

To Councillor Rutland (Portfolio Holder for Economic Development)

“Can you please confirm if you would consider a dispensation scheme for local residents and suppliers for local shops who are now having to take detours which are very disruptive to their daily lives and simply pushing extra traffic onto the surrounding roads”?