

**Draft Five Year Plan 2017 - 2022  
Members' Consultation Responses**

The below comments are a summary of relevant comments made by council members at meetings of the council where the revised Five Year Plan has been considered. For a more comprehensive account of the discussions, please see the relevant minutes of the meeting as indicated, available on the council's website.

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Summary Comments</b>	<b>Cabinet Response</b>
Finance and Governance Cabinet Advisory Board  12.07.2016	Cllr Holden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Firmly against any proposals for a directly elected Mayor under devolution.</li> <li>Better outcomes for rural parts of the borough should be included.</li> <li>New recycling centre provision in the Eastern part of the borough to be established.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Noted. There are no plans for directly elected Mayors in the county.</li> <li>Noted, changes have been made to the Five Year Plan to reflect the importance of our rural areas.</li> <li>Provisions of recycling facilities are the responsibility of the County Council.</li> </ul>
	Cllr Munn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Against directly elected Mayors under devolution.</li> <li>Largest infrastructure funding gap in the county needs to be addressed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Noted. There are no plans for directly elected Mayors in the county.</li> <li>Agreed. We have raised this consistently with KCC, and are working to address infrastructure issues through the LEP.</li> </ul>
	Cllr Dawlings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establishing Neighbourhood Plans for parishes is essential as a way for them to set out their aspirations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Noted, amendments have been made to the Five Year Plan. We will support towns and parishes to prepare Neighbourhood Plans and have reflected this in page 19 of the new Five Year Plan.</li> </ul>
	Cllr Elliott	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New recycling centre provision in the Eastern part of the borough to be established.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provision of household waste recycling sites is the responsibility of the County Council. KCC Members will be reviewing the findings of a waste infrastructure review, which is part of the waste disposal strategy. KCC Members will determine the future the county-wide infrastructure requirements in the autumn.</li> </ul>
Overview and Scrutiny Committee  31.10.2016	Cllr Woodward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not enough focus on unparished areas of the town of Royal Tunbridge Wells, such as Broadwater.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Five Year Plan is an overarching strategy and aspiration document for the borough. Where specific issues for areas need addressing, these can either be added as corporate priorities at the annual refresh, or</li> </ul>

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			through more detailed strategies and plans that relate to specific issues (such as the Local Plan or Housing Strategy).
	Cllr Uddin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More detail on the work planned to reduce social and health inequalities needed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Five Year Plan is an overarching strategy and aspiration document for the borough. More detailed plans for reducing social and health inequalities are included in the Health Inequalities Action Plan, and in the ongoing project work regarding the Sherwood Partnership.</li> </ul>
	Cllr Hannam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More focus on the rural areas needed.</li> <li>• Focus on securing a recycling site for the Eastern part of the borough.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noted, amendments have been made to the plan to reference the rural economy and the importance of rural tourism to the borough.</li> <li>• Noted. See comment above.</li> </ul>
Planning and Transportation Cabinet Advisory Board 20.03.2017	Cllr Moore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vision should emphasise the history of Royal Tunbridge Wells as a spa town.</li> <li>• The document too focussed on the town of Royal Tunbridge Wells, and not enough on the borough.</li> <li>• The civic development should be termed civic space to demonstrate the benefit for the public.</li> <li>• Not in favour of road-widening schemes, but pinch points within the town of Royal Tunbridge Wells should be removed.</li> <li>• More specific on actions around reducing health inequalities.</li> <li>• Make reference to devolution of Highways functions under 'devolution'.</li> <li>• Minor wording changes to assist clarity.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noted, changes have been made to the Five Year Plan to reflect this.</li> <li>• Noted, amendments have been made to the plan to reference the rural economy and the importance of rural tourism to the borough.</li> <li>• Noted, changes have been made to reflect this.</li> <li>• Amendments have been made to the plan to reflect the interaction between traffic and active travel schemes.</li> <li>• The Five Year Plan is an overarching strategy and aspiration document for the borough. More detailed plans for reducing social and health inequalities are included in the Health Inequalities Action Plan, and in the ongoing project work regarding the Sherwood Partnership.</li> <li>• Noted, changes have been made to reflect this.</li> <li>• Noted, changes made.</li> </ul>
	Cllr Hamilton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Further enhancements to the road network should be treated with caution.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noted.</li> <li>• Noted, amendments have been made to the</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More emphasis on the borough as a whole.</li> </ul>	<p>plan to reference the rural economy and the importance of rural tourism to the borough.</p>
	Cllr Bulman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Road widening schemes are unlikely to reduce congestion.</li> <li>• Traffic pinch points should be tackled to improve traffic flow.</li> <li>• More pedestrian shared space areas should be created, in particular in Royal Tunbridge Wells.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noted.</li> <li>• Amendments have been made to the plan to reflect the interaction between traffic and active travel schemes.</li> <li>• One of the 'Eight Big Projects' is enhancing the public realm, which includes phase two of public realm enhancements for Mount Pleasant Road in Royal Tunbridge Wells.</li> </ul>
	Cllr Lidstone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need a clearer strategic direction expressed in the document.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noted, changes to wording and layout have been made to make this clearer.</li> </ul>
	Cllr Stanyer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need a clearer strategic direction expressed in the document.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noted, changes to wording and layout have been made to make this clearer.</li> </ul>
Finance and Governance Cabinet Advisory Board 21.03.2017	Cllr Chapelard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Document not strategic enough.</li> <li>• Road widening schemes were unlikely to lead to de-congestion. A park and ride scheme should be considered.</li> <li>• Master plan for the town centre needed, which focussed on reducing congestion.</li> <li>• Recycling plans should be treated with caution.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noted, changes to wording and layout have been made to make this clearer.</li> <li>• Amendments have been made to the plan to reflect the interaction between traffic and active travel schemes.</li> <li>• A new Transport Strategy is being prepared which will deal with more specific issues around transport and congestion.</li> <li>• Noted.</li> </ul>
	Cllr Holden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A high priority should be the provision of a new settlement within, or partly within, the borough to accommodate some of the housing need.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noted, this has been included as an aspiration in the Five Year Plan.</li> </ul>
	Cllr Munn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minor wording changes requested.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noted.</li> </ul>
Communities Cabinet Advisory Board 22.03.2017	Cllr Lidstone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No overarching vision for development.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We disagree that there is no overarching vision for development. This is included in the Leader's foreword, and in the 'Eight Big Projects' for the borough.</li> </ul>
	Cllr Stewart	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plan needs to emphasise importance of economic growth in balancing the Council's future budget.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noted. Our new Economic Development Strategy and Local Plan will address the issues of economic development in more detail,</li> </ul>

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			although we recognise that this may now have a direct link into sustainable funding for the council in the future.
	Cllr Hannam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Civic complex statements are written as if the development has already been agreed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We disagree. The projects relating to the civic complex clearly state 'If Full Council agreement is secured...'</li> </ul>
Overview and Scrutiny Committee 12.06.2017		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No specific comments made by committee members on the contents of the draft plan.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noted.</li> </ul>
Email comments	Cllr Woodward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contribution of other transport methods, aside from road widening schemes and additional parking, should be considered to reduce congestion.</li> <li>• Investigate the potential of a POD system for Royal Tunbridge Wells.</li> <li>• Concerned that extra car parking will add to congestion.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amendments have been made to the plan to reflect the interaction between traffic and active travel schemes.</li> <li>• Noted.</li> <li>• Noted, see above comment.</li> </ul>
Email comments	Cllr Stewart	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would like a park and ride scheme to be considered for Royal Tunbridge Wells.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noted, however park and ride schemes in other areas (such as Maidstone) have not proved to be economically sustainable.</li> </ul>