

The Borough Partnership

New administration, new priorities, new energy!

Cllr Ben Chapelard & Cllr Justine Rutland

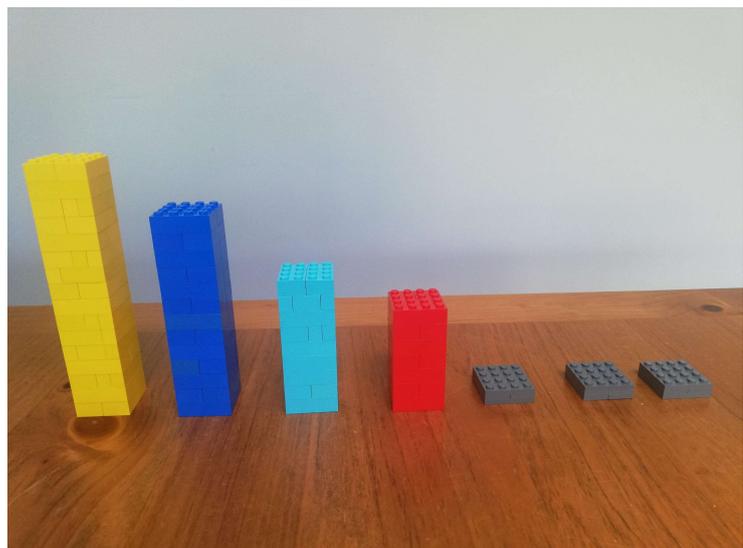
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The Tunbridge Wells political landscape

2021 no overall control

2022 elections

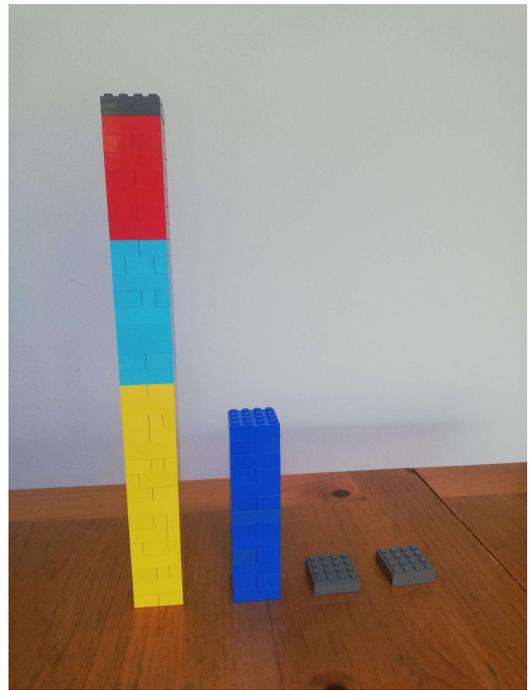
Change of administration



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The Borough Partnership

- Formation
- Partnership Agreement
- Priorities
- Team



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Focus on Five

1. Safeguarding finances
2. Vibrant and safer towns and villages
3. Carbon reduction
4. Genuinely affordable housing and social rental housing
5. Digital access, transparency and local democracy

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Cabinet



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Cabinet

From left to right:

- Cllr Hugo Pound - Housing and Planning
- Cllr Nancy Warne - Rural Communities & Deputy Leader of the Council
- Cllr Andy Hickey - Finance and Performance
- Cllr Ben Chapelard- Leader of the Council
- Cllr David Hayward - Governance and Transparency
- Cllr Justine Rutland - Tunbridge Wells Town and Local Areas
- Cllr Wendy Fitzsimmonds - Leisure, Wellbeing and Culture
- Cllr Luke Everitt - Environment, Sustainability and Carbon Reduction

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Champions

- Cllr Peter Lidstone - Walking and Cycling Champion
- Cllr Matthew Sankey - Local Business Champion
- Cllr Alex Britcher-Alan - Charities and Voluntary Sector Champion
- Cllr Mark Ellis - Town Market Champion



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Tunbridge Wells Town & surrounding areas

Cllr Justine Rutland

- To take lead responsibility in ensuring that the needs of Royal Tunbridge Wells, Southborough and Rusthall are considered in all the Council's activities and to lead on communication and engagement with the Town Forum and other relevant groups
- Economic development and tourism
- Business engagement, including working with the Business Improvement District (the BID)
- Supporting Tunbridge Wells Town Centre
- Transportation
- Parking (on and off-street)

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Tunbridge Wells Town priorities include:

- Bring people back to the town and increase dwell time
- Re-establish independent farmers' market (Cllr Mark Ellis – market champion)
- Deliver business pack – borough-wide (Cllr Matthew Sankey – local business champion)
- Improve business support and engagement and communication – borough-wide
- Street scene improvements
- 20mph zone expansion
- Public consultation via Town Centre Area Plan
- Liaise with developers of cinema site and keep a watchful eye
- Submit Shared Prosperity Fund plans
- A set of other plans tbc with Cabinet and officers

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Tunbridge Wells Town and surrounding areas

- To listen and to understand the challenges faced by Royal Tunbridge Wells, Rusthall and Southborough.
- To prioritise and progress a mixture of short- and long-term projects, some small-scale and some ambitious.
- To deliver, within one to two years, visible improvements that build on the wonderful assets we already have.

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