ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS TOWN FORUM

Museum Working Group

part of the "Civic Centre Site Working Group" and "Town Centre Area Action Plan Working Group 2010"

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Questions for Paul Taylor, TWBC Director of Change and Communities

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- What are the current aims and objectives of the Museum and Art Gallery and how do they fit into the overall plan for the town's development?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of the Museum and Art Gallery's current buildings and location in the centre of town?
- How do the Museum and Art Gallery engage with the public and both advertise and measure the success of their services to the community?
- What is the policy for rotating the items in the central permanent exhibition?
- How do the Museum and Art Gallery enrich the lives of the residents and local community?
- How are the Museum and Art Gallery resourced and are the current human and financial resources adequate to display and conserve the collections held?
- To what extent does the catalogue reflect the full holdings and is this catalogue available to the general public, either on personal visit or on-line?
- What efforts are made to display items from the collections at sites outside the museum building, for free or for a charge?
- How might the collections in the Museum and Art Gallery be used to raise funds to help realize the aims and objectives
- If the museum were to move from its present location would there be a fitting building you would like to see being used for the museum and art gallery, and what vision for the future can you provide?
- How can we as a Town Forum help the Museum and Art Gallery do a better job?
- Are there any plans to enhance the Museum's online presence and utilise it more proactively in delivering its service(s)?