

What's Next?: Post-Portas

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Influencing the Government's Response to the Portas Review

- Government response to Portas Review is imminent.
- Six hour backbench debate in House of Commons secured by APPG for Town Centres on 17th Jan.
- Government to take on board views from MPs.

Maintaining Political Momentum

- All backbench MPs have been asked to become a member of the APPG for Town Centres.
- All backbench MPs will be asked to sign a Town Centre Charter committing them to supporting their local high streets.

Co-ordinating National Govt Policy

- A Minister for Town Centres?
- Grant Shapps MP (Minister for Housing and Local Govt) will take on delivery of Portas Review recommendations
- Ideally role would be permanent with explicit remit for Town Centres
- Representations to NPPF and Budget 2012

Implementing Recommendations

Some recommendations from the Portas Review are being implemented even before the publication of the official Government response.

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- £1 million made available by DCLG for Town Team pilots in 12 locations
- National Market Day has been adapted to become a 2 week campaign called 'Love Your Local Market' running from 23rd June to 7th July (www.loveyourlocalmarket.org.uk)

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Influencing Local Govt Policy

- Local Authorities hold the purse strings for many existing TCM schemes
- Despite political support for town centres, Local Authority budget cuts could mean TCM posts being deleted
- This threatens to undermine the momentum of the Portas Review

Manifesto for Town Centres and High Streets



The 10 point Manifesto Plan

- Effective Management
- Strong Town Centre's First Policy
- Statutory Strategy for each Town Centre
- Expansion of the BIDs model
- Support for Small Businesses



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- Data Capture for Town Centres
- Safe and Attractive Environments
- Meet Customer's Needs
- Improving Accessibility
- Incentivise Growth

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