

Acting on the Portas Review: Creating Conditions for Prosperous & Diverse High Streets

10.15 *Registration and Morning Refreshments*

11.00 **Chair's Introduction**

11.05 **Morning Policy Session – Examining the
Recommendations of the Portas Review**

- Examining the Government's response & implications locally
- Strategies to promote local economic growth & create jobs
- Utilising discretionary powers to stimulate change: tax and business rates
- Using planning policy to favour high street development (implications of the new NPPF)
- Deregulation: reducing bureaucracy and “red tape”
- Town centres running like businesses: the need for clear vision & leadership (Town Teams?)
- Retaining and promoting a diverse high street: supporting small and independent retailers
- Defining the roles and responsibilities of high street landlords
- Transport and parking strategies: making the high street more accessible
- Opportunities for funding and resourcing changes

12.00 *Open Discussion and Q & A Session*

13.05 **Interactive Voting Session**

13.15 *Networking Lunch*

14.00 **Afternoon Session: Policy Into Practice**

- Case studies: Innovation in action
 - Report on Portas Pilots
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15.25 **Chair's Summary**

15.30 **Event Close**

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