

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

**10.15** *Registration and Morning Refreshments*

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**11.00** **Chair's Introduction**

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**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*

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**13.05** **Interactive Voting Session**

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**13.15** *Networking Lunch*

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**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**

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**15.30** **Event Close**

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