

1. Purpose of Report

To inform members of the situation to date and confirm plans moving forwards.

2. Background

- 2.1 This council note the similarities in size, social and commercial make-up and relative importance of tourism to both towns of Malmesbury and Tetbury.
- 2.2 The Council further notes that while there are some important difference in respective Councils' responsibilities and local government structures, the challenges and opportunities both Council's face also have great similarities.
- 2.3 The Mayor of Tetbury attended this year's investiture of the Mayor of Malmesbury.
- 2.4 There is an excellent working relationship between our Town Clerk and their Chief Executive.
- 2.5 At the invitation of the Mayor of Tetbury, the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Malmesbury along with our Town and Deputy Town Clerk met with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Tetbury for a two hour discussion on 7th July 2023.

3. Proposal

- 3.1 This council considers that it is to the benefit of both towns' communities, businesses and Councils' to foster mutually constructive and positive relationships.
- 3.2 This should take the form of seeking to exchange and learn from each other's experiences of best practices and constructive responses to shared challenges.
- 3.3 This would include how best to
 - promote tourism across the town towns
 - enhance each other's draft Neighbourhood Plan reviews (MTC with SPMW PC & Brokenborough and TTC with Tetbury Upton)
- 3.4 Responses to the respective Local Plans and each Town Council's own Strategic Plans
 - meet the needs of younger, older and vulnerable residents
 - foster constructive and beneficial local partnerships with armed forces, artistic, charitable, civic, commercial and environmental bodies and organisations
 - recognise the contribution of local residents of all ages and organisations and enhance their capabilities to do even more to the benefit of each town.
- 3.5 The Council considers the agreement to enable regular dialogue and co-operation on the above between respective Town Councils' staff and Councillors. This is to include inviting senior representatives to attend each other's important Civic events and to encourage a dialogue in planning those events to avoid unnecessary clashes to enable

our residents to enjoy each other's facilities, activities and all that our towns have to offer.

4. Financial Implications & Risks

4.1 There are none.

5. Decision to be made

5.1 Members confirm commitment to working closely with Tetbury Town Council and accept Cllr Grant's proposals at paragraph 3.

Cllr Gavin Grant, Mayor of Malmesbury

July 2023