

Total Place, shrinking public expenditure and the role and potential of partnerships

Total Place has offered Kent the opportunity to respond proactively and innovatively to the changing economic picture and build on existing initiatives. The significant reduction of public resources in the near future will require new ways of thinking in order that public services can be delivered in different ways. Total place is drawing together partners in Kent and from central government to consider how to minimise the impact of a reduction in the public purse.

'Total Place, shrinking public expenditure and the role and potential of partnerships' will bring people together to find out more about Total Place and how it offers a way of responding to changes in the economic landscape. The **Maidstone** based event on **7th October** will consider the benefits of:

- *Looking at resources across the public sector as a whole, and sharing economic data and intelligence*
- *Managing services and resources from the point of view of the customer not the organisation*
- *Better understanding the economic downturn, and the impact a reduction in public funding will have*
- *Working to position local areas to deliver services in new ways and explore how the Total Place approach supports this, for example in relation to property and land.*

The day will offer delegates the opportunity to consider and debate the Total Place approach, offer practical examples to each other that can contribute to how Kent is using Total Place to respond to the new economic climate and consider how to apply Total Place principles in their own partnerships

Learning from the event will help delegates to ensure that they are doing everything they can to respond to the impact of the recession in the short term and prepare for the recovery in the longer term.

Who should attend:

- Councillors especially those with economic interests
- Representatives from LSP Boards and economic partnerships
- LSP Managers
- Voluntary sector leaders

To register your interest contact peter@seemp.co.uk or complete an [online registration](#) form.



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Time Activity

09:30 Registration and Refreshments

10:00 Welcome and introduction

10:10 Panel of presentations exploring different perspectives:

- Developing and applying the Total Place concept (Geoff Norris)
- Why Total Place is important for Kent (Robert Hardy)
- The Gateways initiative –to improve access to the wider public sector and the full range of public services. The Gateways initiative aims to modernise customer service in all its forms including 'face to face', contact by telephone and online via the internet. (Tanya Oliver, KCC Director).

11:10 Plenary discussion - Questions from audience

11:30 Break and networking opportunity

11:50 Tabletop discussion

A facilitated discussion to explore

- Total Place – what does it mean for your area
- What are the particular barriers to progress you face - focused on the Kent Asset Management workstream
- Is there value in replicating the total place approach in all partnerships
- How can partnerships and collaboration add value
- What else would you like to do / what support would be useful

13:00 What support is available?

A summary of the support available to partnerships

13:15 Closing remarks

13:20 Lunch and networking

14:30 Close