

**ITEM 8**

**Test Valley Borough Council Overview & Scrutiny Committee  
Corporate Priority Review Template**

1	<p><b>Corporate Priority (may be more than one)</b></p> <p>A competitive local economy</p>
2	<p><b>Lead Member(s)</b></p> <p>Councillor Karen Hamilton</p>
3	<p><b>Portfolio Holder(s)</b></p> <p>Councillor Peter Giddings</p>
4	<p><b>Topic for Review</b></p> <p>A competitive local economy</p>
5	<p><b>Key Areas of Focus</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Practical initiatives that have been taken to support local businesses</li> <li>• How the Council is working with stakeholders to increase the skills of local people</li> <li>• How the council has been working with local stakeholders to support our town centres</li> </ul>
6	<p><b>What will be developed or reviewed?</b></p> <p>As the current Corporate Plan draws to a close, this review will look back over the last four years to understand the impact the Council has made in being able to support the local economy across Test Valley. It will review what has worked well and whether there are things we could do differently within the context of the new corporate plan once it has been approved by Council.</p>
7	<p><b>Rationale – Why now/why at all?</b></p> <p>The current Corporate Plan ends in April 2015 and a new plan for the next four years is to be considered by Council in April. Subject to its approval, work will then take place to prepare a Corporate Action Plan which will drive forward the ambitions set out in the new Corporate Plan.</p> <p>The proposed review of the economy theme will take place in two phases with the findings from the first phase able to contribute towards the development of the Corporate Action Plan. The second phase to be</p>

	delivered later on in 2015.will be an opportunity to review how the new Corporate Action Plan is taking forward the work set out in the new Corporate Plan relating to the local economy.
8	<p><b>Anticipated Benefits to the Council of undertaking the Project</b></p> <p>This review will enable further evaluation of the council’s approach in regards this theme of the Corporate Plan to take place which can inform how we might take things forward in the future. It will also provide an opportunity to look at what others are doing and whether there is any best practice that the council can learn from in regards to what works well.</p>
9	<p><b>Anticipated Benefits of achieving the Corporate Priority</b></p> <p>Improving quality of life in Test Valley for residents and businesses.</p>
10	<p><b>Resource Implications</b></p> <p>No specific resource implications arise from this proposal</p>
11	<p><b>Are there any Partner Organisations involved in the Project?</b></p> <p>Partners whom the Council has worked with on specific initiatives relating to this theme may be asked to contribute to the review in regards their feedback and commenting on the impact they feel the council has been able to make in supporting the local economy.</p>
12	<p><b>Does the Project require Public Involvement?</b></p> <p>At present there are no direct proposals to undertake public involvement although the review will refer to and use feedback previously gathered through public engagement work over the lifetime of the current corporate plan.</p>
10	<p><b>Expected Outcomes: In 3 months (Progress or Full Report)</b></p> <p>Initial top line review which can be used as part of the evidence base to inform the development of the Corporate Action Plan to be reported to OSCOM in May 2015.</p> <p>November 2015 – second phase of review which will review how the new Corporate Plan is progressing areas of work in relation to the local economy.</p>
11	<p><b>How will the Project assist the achievement of the Corporate Priority?</b></p> <p>The review will provide both an evaluation and develop practical ideas that can be considered as part of how the new Corporate Plan will take forward work relating to supporting the local economy.</p>

12	<b>What do you want OSCOM to do now?</b>  <b>Approve the proposal</b>
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