

**Test Valley Borough Council Overview & Scrutiny Committee  
Panel and Lead Member Reviews - Scoping Template**

1	<p><b>Corporate Priority/Service Area (may be more than one)</b></p> <p>Enhancing &amp; preserving our built and natural environment</p> <p>Doing things differently...doing things better</p>
2	<p><b>Lead Member(s)/Chairman of Panel</b></p> <p>Cllr I Hibberd</p>
3	<p><b>Portfolio Holder(s)</b></p> <p>Cllr N Adams King</p>
4	<p><b>Topic for Review</b></p> <p>The Role and Operation of the Planning Control Committee and the two area Planning Committees.</p>
-	<p><b>Key Areas of Focus</b></p> <p>The Committee's:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Role</li> <li>• Functional operation</li> <li>• Structure and Composition</li> <li>• Effectiveness</li> </ul>
6	<p><b>What will be developed or reviewed?</b></p> <p>Do the three Committees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Still have a valid role to play in the Borough Council's planning process in their current form.</li> <li>• Fulfil their function</li> <li>• Have a structure and composition which reflects the knowledge of Planning required?</li> <li>• Produce outcomes which stand up to robust scrutiny?</li> </ul>

7	<p><b>Rationale – Why now/why at all?</b></p> <p>The Planning committees have received complaints about their operation by some Members on them, and from some Members not on them, and by members of the public who have complained about their <i>modus operandi</i>.</p>
8	<p><b>Anticipated Benefits</b></p> <p>A better understanding of how the Planning Committees are operating, will produce recommendations for their future role, structure and composition.</p>
9	<p><b>Resource Implications</b></p> <p>No officers are required to attend Panel meetings but their views will be sought in consultation.</p> <p>Some public and Member consultations may also be undertaken but the Panel members will initiate these and collate the information.</p>
10	<p><b>Are there any Partner Organisations involved in the Project?</b></p> <p>The panel members will attend adjacent District Council’s planning meetings to compare modes of operation and structure.</p>
11	<p><b>Does the Project require Public Involvement?</b></p> <p>Yes</p>
12	<p><b>Expected Outcomes: In 3 months (Progress or Full Report)</b></p> <p>Full report</p>
13	<p><b>How will the Project assist the achievement of a Corporate Priority or Priorities?</b></p> <p>It will help to underpin the rationale for the way in which planning decisions are made in future, thus supporting the objective of “Enhancing and preserving our Built and Natural environment.”</p> <p>It may also recommend “doing things differently”. It hopes to achieve the final result of “of doing things better”.</p>
14	<p><b>What do you want OSCOM to do now?</b></p> <p>Endorse this proposed way forward.</p>