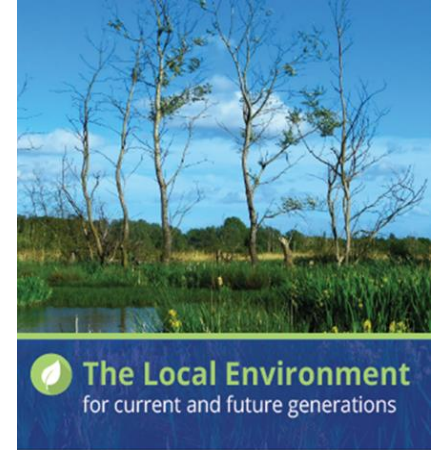
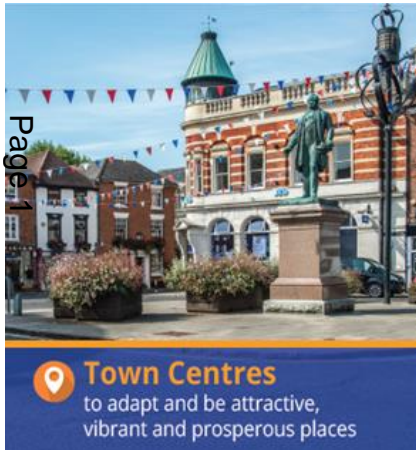


Test Valley Borough Council's Corporate Plan 2019-2023

Growing Our Potential...



CLlr Phil North



Town Centres



- A new era for Andover saw master planners Hemingway Design and NEW Masterplanning appointed to **develop a masterplan for Andover Town Centre**. Significant public engagement has taken place along with discussions with a number of stakeholders which includes local businesses, Hampshire County Council and other public bodies. The first consultation draft of the master plan has been produced and publicised.
- **Acquisition of the Chantry Centre** to enable aspirations to pursue our redevelopment plans and create an attractive and vibrant town centre
- The construction of the **£1.2m** Town Mills Riverside project is underway. This will become somewhere people can stay, play, picnic and enjoy the river.
- Kings Yard and Shaw's Walk are the final of the **eight arches** that have been installed throughout Andover High Street to provide improved signage for businesses



Town Centres



- In partnership with the BID, **Public Wi-Fi** within Andover High Street has been introduced to provide Wi-Fi to customers and enhanced footfall data to businesses.
- The draft masterplan options for the South of Romsey Town Centre have been developed through a large programme of public engagement. The draft masterplan went out for a second round of consultation, after embedding the citizens' assembly recommendations and public feedback into the plan, and received a further **248 responses**.
- The South of Romsey Town Centre masterplan has been **shortlisted in the national Planning Awards category** 'Award for Stakeholder Engagement in Planning (Plan Making)'
- The improvement works to create **a safer and more attractive environment** for all road users at Romsey's Market Place was completed in summer 2019



Communities



- TVBC was **one of only three** authorities in the country to be selected to pilot a new programme aimed at innovating democracy by hosting a Citizens Assembly. This enabled **42 randomly selected residents from Romsey & the surrounding area** to put forward a number of recommendations to help shape the masterplan as part of the redevelopment of the south of the town centre.
- **5** rural action planning sessions were held and Braishfield, Houghton, Charlton, Chilbolton and Hurstbourne Tarrant Parish Councils all shared their experiences of community engagement, local action planning and working with TVBC . **51** parish councillors attended from **26** different parish councils.
- TVBC approved the release of **over £607k** towards **8 CIL bids**, including the Plaza Theatre Stage House Rebuild and Access Improvements at Charlton Lakes



Communities



- **63** community councillor grants were awarded to the value of **over £42k** and **over 280K** was awarded to **16** projects via the Community Asset Fund, including the Enham Trust and Age Concern.
- Continued to **support events and projects** through the Andover Vision and Romsey Future community partnerships- e.g. Cycling Festival and Four Fun Fridays in Andover, the launch of a walking and cycling map and installing fitness equipment at 3 sites across Romsey.
- There has been a strong community response to the Covid 19 pandemic with **over 1000 volunteers and more than 50 community groups** providing a range of support. TVBC launched a **£25k grant scheme** for local groups providing community support during the coronavirus pandemic



People



- The preparation of the Housing Strategy 2020-2025 and the Preventing Homelessness & Rough Sleeping Strategy is **complete**.
- TVBC exceeded its affordable housing target for the sixth year in a row. **273** units of affordable housing were delivered in 2019/20 exceeding target by nearly **37%**. In 2019, TVBC ranked **31st out of 326** local authorities for housing delivery
- **65%** of all households who were at risk of homelessness and approached the Council for help, had their homelessness prevented at the initial stages through engagement with the housing team
- **Over 83%** of people who approached the Council and who were experiencing homelessness, or who were threatened with homelessness, engaged in an asset-based assessment with the housing team
- The Council made a successful bid to central government for a further **£103K** to support its partnership work to prevent and relieve rough sleeping in the borough.



People



- The Council commenced its own **TVBC funded in-house “Resettlement Service”**, targeting support for households in temporary accommodation and helping people to achieve their personal housing plans.
- The Council also bid successfully for **£37K Private Rented Sector Innovation & Enforcement Grant** from central government, to improve our access to and understanding of local housing data to inform targeted work to improve housing conditions and to enforce statutory licensing for houses in multiple occupancy.
- TVBC is now able to work with construction companies to help recruit, train and connect employees to local schools and colleges after being **awarded a certification by the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB)**. We have **10 employment and skills plans** for major residential schemes and **11** for major commercial schemes.
- In 2019/20, **23 Business Incentive grants** were paid out to the value of £17,250 and **13 Independent Retailer grants** were paid out to the value of £11k.



- On 4 September a **climate emergency was declared** by full council and a draft action plan has been produced.
- As part of Project Integra, we have worked with Hampshire County Council on their **behaviour change pilot scheme** to tackle recycling contamination and providing an **integrated approach** to waste collection, treatment and disposal.
- TVBC also commenced an innovative **local behaviour change pilot** to tackle contamination rates. Feedback from more than 700 residents, through an online survey and focus groups, was used to inform the design and development of the pilot scheme.
- **18** electric vehicle charging points were installed across Test Valley.
- The authority's annual replacement programme saw **172** trees planted to help regenerate the borough's green spaces and to help the wildlife to flourish
- Mill Lane (south of Sherfield English) has now been opened for dog walking and informal recreation and is a **designated SANG**

New Project for Year 2



The **climate change action plan** has been included in the CAP for year 2.
The actions fall into a number of themes:

- Corporate Action
- Property & Energy
- Natural Environment
- Transport, Travel and Plant
- Housing, Development & Infrastructure
- Smarter working and use of technology
- Supporting Communities and Businesses