

# **Notice of Meeting**

# Overview and Scrutiny Committee

**Date:** Tuesday 10 November 2020

**Time:** 5.30 pm

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#### **AGENDA**

# The order of these items may change as a result of members of the public wishing to speak

- 1 Apologies
- 2 Public Participation
- 3 Declarations of Interest
- 4 Urgent Items
- 5 Minutes of the meeting held on 14 October 2020
- 6 Call in Items
- 7 Urgent decisions taken since last meeting
- 8 <u>Presentation from the Community and Leisure</u> Portfolio Holder

To receive a presentation from Councillor Jeffrey, Community and Leisure Portfolio Holder. (30 minutes)

9 Budget Panel on 19 October 2020

To receive a verbal update from Councillor Lodge, Lead Member of the Budget Panel, on the latest budget position, a view of the Fees and Charges for 2021/22 and the Budget Forecast for 2021/22. (20 minutes)

10 Report on the work of the Test Valley Community Safety Group

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To consider the report on the work of the Test Valley Community Safety Group. (20 minutes)

## 11 <u>Updates on Panels</u>

Lead Members to update the Committee on the progress of their Panels (10 minutes)

### 12 <u>Programme of Work for the Overview and Scrutiny</u> 25 - 37 Committee

To enable Members to keep the Committee's future work programme under review (10 minutes)

# ITEM 10 Report on the work of the Test Valley Community Safety Group

Report of the Community Engagement Manager (on behalf of the Test Valley Partnership)

#### Recommended:

- 1. That the report be acknowledged and partnership approach be endorsed.
- 2. That Officers bring a report back to OSCOM in autumn 2021 to give an annual update on the work of the Community Safety Management Group.

#### SUMMARY:

• A report on the work of the Test Valley Community Safety Group over the past twelve months and the priorities for the year ahead.

#### 1 Background

- 1.1 This report follows previous reports and discussions in October 2018, March 2019 and October 2019, in regards to specific elements of work undertaken by the Community Safety Management Group (CSMG). In October 2019 OSCOM approved a recommendation for an annual update on the breadth of work of the CSMG.
- 1.2 This report summarises the priorities of the CSMG and gives examples of some of the projects and operations it has initiated and operated, its successes and challenges over the past twelve months.
- 1.3 The CSMG is a sub-group of the Test Valley Partnership and comprises of the statutory Community Safety Partners (TVBC; Police; Fire & Rescue Service; Clinical Commissioning Group; Probation), plus other relevant local Community Safety Partners such as Registered Social Landlords, Neighbourhood Watch, Street Pastors, Youth Crime Prevention (YCP), Town Centre and BID managers, amongst others.
- 1.4 It enables organisations working locally in this sector to respond to the needs of communities in a co-ordinated and organised way by sharing skills, resources and data. The group addresses community safety specific issues on a tactical and localised level. This allows for responsible authorities and other local agencies and partners to work in partnership to develop and implement strategies to tackle crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour priorities locally.
- 1.5 Officers from TVBC also attend monthly confidential Police Tactical Command Briefing Meetings to help ensure that effective two-way communication and co-ordination is maintained on key issues between the CSMG and Police. CSMG priorities are a standing item on this agenda.

- 1.6 The CSMG collectively assesses and proposes the partnership priorities to the Test Valley Partnership annually. The priority areas (subject to ratification by the Test Valley Partnership) for 2020/21 are:
  - Community Crime Prevention and Public Safety. To increase public reassurance and confidence to report issues to public bodies.
  - Anti-Social Behaviour, in particular including street-attached behaviours.
  - Supporting Vulnerable People in Need, to include issues of Domestic Abuse, Scams (in particular Covid related), Hate Crimes and Modern Slavery.
  - Positive engagement and early intervention with young people, to identify and address potential causal issues of behaviours.
  - Drug related harm, and knife crime linked to 'County lines'.
  - Maintain rural community confidence, through encouraging co-operative partnership amongst landowners and partners.
  - To encourage co-operative partnership amongst agencies and community/voluntary sector groups working towards enhanced and positive communities.
- 1.7 In addition, monthly sub-group casework meetings (Community Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences) are also held in the North & South of the district with all relevant partners to discuss and plan for cases on an individual basis.

#### 2 Context

- 2.1 The CSMG has implemented a range of operations and projects to help address the priorities and key issues identified. A sample of the recent early intervention, responsive and engagement partnership operations and projects planned and monitored via the CSMG are outlined below.
- 2.2 The diverse nature of the group, incorporating statutory, voluntary and third sector organisations linked to community safety allows for a wide range of information, skills, capacity and intelligence to be brought to the group and incorporated into discussions and projects. It also allows for important messages around crime prevention and public safety to be disseminated to these groups and their wider community networks.

'Op Mazi': Op Mazi' is a multi-agency programme, incorporating Police, TVBC and local specialist treatment and support service sector partners to address negative street attached behaviours in Andover town centre. Partner services include Two Saints, NHS Inclusion Substance Misuse Service, MIND, Salvation Army and the Bridge Drop-in amongst others. The approach includes an increased police presence and regular partnership patrols in the areas most affected, plus direct specialist engagement with those concerned to identify any vulnerabilities and issues, with subsequent referrals to partners for action on drink and drug related issues, housing and/or benefits as applicable.

- 2.4 During lockdown, Op Mazi patrols were suspended, replaced by regular police patrols of the key areas. Also concentrated efforts were made nationally and locally to reduce the numbers of street attached people in the community. Subsequently, Op Mazi as resumed and noted fewer individuals causing concern in the Andover Town Centre, which has continued to be the case to date. Partners, recently including the Andover BID Rangers, continue to patrol to both deter issues and to offer support as necessary to influence longer term changes of behaviours.
- 2.5 In the second half of 2019 12 homeless people were supported into accommodation as a direct result of the proactive working between police and partners, including TVBCs housing service. A further four were assisted but did not proceed, whilst others found their own accommodation or left the area.
- 2.6 In addition the implementation of the PSPO in the summer has allowed increased highly visual publicity of the requirements to those involved, and further powers for authorised officers to help address anti-social behaviour.
- **PSPOs:** A new Public Space Protention Order (PSPO) became live 16 July 2020. The PSPO introduces new powers in areas in and around Andover and Romsey which allow authorised officers to require that people who are drinking alcohol and displaying anti-social behaviour cease drinking alcohol or surrender their alcohol. In Andover it introduces further powers to authorised officers to deal with issues of harassment and public urination within the Andover Town Centre area.
- 3.1 Andover Town Rangers: The Council has also contributed £15,000 to a sixmonth trial of a project led by Andover BID to bring Town Rangers to Andover town centre. The specific element of their work which our contribution is concerned with is their potential impact on anti-social behaviour in the town centre and to engage with those displaying negative street-attached behaviours in particular. The Rangers are also authorised to use powers under the PSPO, as described above.
- **Big Band Buffet:** The Big Band Buffet is an annual event open to over 55s and those who may be isolated or vulnerable and at increased risk of crime of other harm. It provides a free lunch accompanied by a band, alongside talks and stands from partners on relevant topics such as home and fire safety, staying safe at home, cybercrime, fraud, scams and distraction burglaries.
- 4.1 This year's event was held in January and attended by around 150 people and attracted the highest number of agency and support groups providing advice and support to older people to date. 98.5% of the participants rated the event as either 'good' or 'excellent' and in particular feedback highlighted the value of the event in helping people to learn more about the services available and how to access them. To date over 1,100 people have attended these annual events.

- 4.2 Other plans for direct support for vulnerable people have been impacted by Covid-19, although links with Police and Trading Standards 'Operation Liberal', 'SCAMnesty', and 'SCAMchampion' projects have continued to identify, engage and publicise to advise people at risk of current frauds and scams locally via existing networks.
- 'ICE': 'ICE' (Intervention, Communication; Education) is an early intervention project developed to identify young people with risky or altered behaviour, and who may be at increased risk of causing Anti-Social Behaviour in their communities, without criminalising them. ICE comprises Test Valley Borough Council, Hampshire Police, Fire & Rescue Service, Army and Schools; and operates via a series of voluntary workshops for young people to attend, referred by schools, partners and families, highlighting concerns of changes in pupil behaviour, likely to be linked to ASB/offending.
- 5.1 Feedback from participants and partners continues to be positive, in terms of the course and its subsequent impact on attitudes and behaviours. The deputy head teacher of a Romsey school said 'this course has provided invaluable support to a group of young people who often get overlooked and witnessed real growth in some of the students from the duration of the project'.
- 5.2 A successful programme was completed in the autumn term of 2019, however the spring cohort was forced to close early as a result of the Coronavirus outbreak. 27 young people attended the bulk of the available sessions, of whom 15 completed one of the programmes. Plans to revise the project to be Covid secure for 2021 are under discussion.

#### 6 Drug Related Harm and Knife Crime:

- 6.1 Violence Reduction Unit: Hampshire was identified as one of 18 areas to receive funding in 2020/21 for a Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) from the Home Office. This aims to reduce violence, with a focus on youth knife crime. The VRU has produced a 'problem profile' covering the Hampshire County Council area's community safety partnerships. The profile notes that Basingstoke, Rushmoor, and Test Valley reported a higher number of knife-related violent crimes. Within Test Valley, Andover has two areas within the top ten beats with higher counts of 'narrow definition most serious violence', where an offender or aggrieved under 25 and a knife was involved between 2016 and 2019. These are Alamein (17 knife crimes) and St Marys (12).
- 6.2 The CSMG is working closely with the VRU on various work streams to develop coordinated action plans and to access funding to help address this. In addition to this, two further initiatives have been launched to help meet this objective:
- 6.3 **Legacy Project:** The CSMG has worked with partners including the Police and Youth Offending Team to help 'The Yellow Brick Road' and 'UpSkillU' groups develop, fund and implement an innovative scheme call 'The Legacy Project'. This is a new scheme to work with young people via schools, Pupil Referral Unit and others in Andover at risk of exploitation and grooming into drugs supply, to help educate and mentor against drugs, exploitation, knives, and county lines, based on a model used successfully in London.

- 6.4 Mentors work closely with statutory services, other agencies and families to manage a young person's risky behaviour, build resilience around personal safety and critical decision making, engage in education training or employment opportunities as well as support relationships and manage conflict. This project is the first of its kind outside London and was able to launch in July.
- 6.5 **Drug Related Harm Partnership:** In 2020 the CSMG also developed a Drug Related Harm Partnership to help with the sharing of information and intelligence between agencies and police. The model has proven successful and now meets monthly to gather intelligence and co-ordinate responses to local drug related activity in a holistic manner.
- Maintaining Rural Community Confidence: During 2019-20, Police identified an increasing trend in crime types within rural communities. As a result Police and partners are aiming to provide support and opportunities to improve rural crime prevention measures, to reduce opportunities to commit crime, and to help increase community confidence. Police have been working with partners to implement a range of measures with further options under discussion, subject to the best means to continue with in Covid 19 Guidelines.

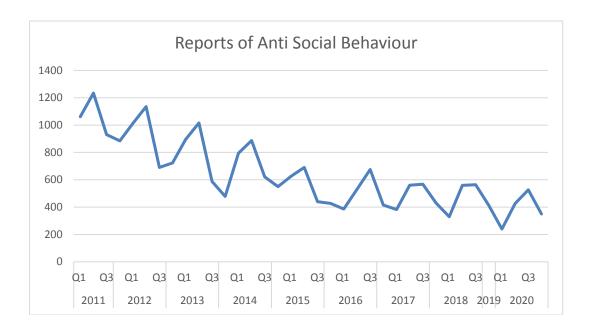
#### 8 Cooperative Partnerships

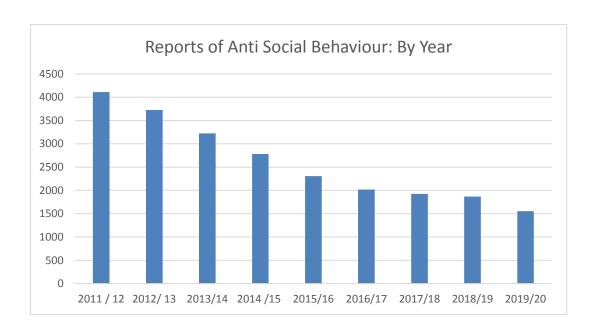
- 8.1 **Community-MARACs** [Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferences] are partnership case conferences which allow action planning using a Harm Centred Approach. All referrals received which are assessed as 'High Risk' will be heard at a case conference within 7 days.
- 8.2 In March 2020 this new process was externally evaluated, by 'RESOLVE ASB' who were asked to independently review the new systems and provide feedback and training to all partners. Positive feedback was received on the new systems and processes, including praise for the diverse range of partners fully engaged in this process, particularly citing the involvement of school representatives highlighted as good practice. Those partners with lesser or little engagement in the process were noted to be those agencies who were also reported to have similar issues elsewhere in the country, and measures continue to promote the benefits of engagement for all relevant partners in this process.
- 8.3 **PREVENT:** The CSMG is linked into the countywide Prevent Board which leads on counter-terrorism, and allows for effective information sharing between the strategic leads and the wider community on the requirements and duties. Agreement has recently been reached for security vetted officers to receive access to restricted information from the South East Counter Terrorism Local Partnership reports, from which a Situational Risk Assessment has been developed and completed for the Test Valley District.
- 8.4 To date there have been no referrals from the Board to the County 'Channel Panel' for any Test Valley residents. Channel is the government programme which supports individuals identified as being at higher risk.

- 8.5 **Community Trigger:** "Community Trigger' (CT) is a statutory device which gives victims and communities the right to request a formal review of their case where circumstances of ASB meet a set threshold.
- 8.6 In 2019/20 one formal CT review request was received. However, this was rejected and referred to the agencies own internal complaints procedure. A second CT was instigated by TVBC and Police as this process was considered best practice to review the joint actions taken in considering a resident complaint. The review found that all actions agreed by the agencies had been taken and there was no evidence of the issue continuing.
- 8.7 **Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHR)**: Community Safety Partnerships have a legal duty to commission 'Domestic Homicide Reviews' in all cases where the death of a person aged over 16 resulted from violence, abuse or neglect by a person within an intimate relationship, or the same household. The objective is to identify lessons for good practice or areas of improvements.
- 8.8 A DHR (known by the pseudonym 'Hodges') was submitted to the Home Office 'Quality Assurance' Panel for review. This reported in Oct. 2019 noting "this is an honest and transparent review, with an excellent breadth of information and discussion in the Findings section....The Panel specifically commended the report on a thorough combined chronology". There were some aspects of the report which needed further revision. In consultation with the Reviews independent Chair, these points were reviewed and presented to the CSP members of the Test Valley Partnership for approval, and resubmitted to the Home Office.
- 8.9 In June 2019 a second DHR referral (pseudonym 'Nicole') was received. A panel was formed with a Home Office approved independent Chair and has completed its review. The report has been approved by the CSP partners, and its action plan is pending completion prior to submission to the Home Office in November. The action plan is being implemented by the relevant partners and lead agencies to address the lessons identified.

#### 9 Anti-Social Behaviour:

- 9.1 Analysis of the data for the year to 31 March 2020 (one week into lockdown) shows that reports of incidents of ASB continued to fall, by a further 332 incidents 17.67% in 2019/20 when compared with the previous year. Reported incidents in the North of Test Valley (including Mid-Test ward beats) fell by 16.5% on the previous year. In the South, reports reduced by 18.9%.
- 9.2 From its peak of 1,234 incidents in Quarter 2 of 2011, reports have since fallen to 350 in Quarter 4 of 2019/20.





9.3 Summer 2020 has seen a particular increase in reports of neighbourhood disputes, domestic abuse and other interpersonal anti-social behaviours during the lockdown, and ongoing Covid restrictions. Latest available data shows that overall reports of ASB to Police rose by 6.5% in the quarter from April – June 2020, although reports of ASB fell by 10% in the year from July 2019 – June 2020. Overall reported crime reduced by 4.1% over this annual period.

#### 10 Conclusion

- 10.1 Research by the College of Policing shows that working in partnership to develop problem-orientated and social skills based prevention and diversionary schemes is an effective means of reducing and addressing issues such as anti-social behaviours. Within Test Valley the CSMG has developed innovative and award winning multi agency projects, such as ICE, The Big Band Buffet and Op Mazi, to name but a few, which demonstrate the effectiveness of this approach to partnership working in Test Valley. We continue to work to develop new approaches to identified priorities utilising the skills and resources of each agency.
- 10.2 Whilst there are many variables which can influence these statistics, the CSMG believe that, in part, the downward trend shown in ASB reports reflects the positive working relationships in place, and collaborative promotion and early intervention engagement work of the group working in effective partnership, as shown in the examples cited above. This approach has also helped to develop excellent working relationships between key partners, such as the Police, and TVBC.

#### 11 Appendix

11.1 2019/20 Strategic Assessment Report.

Background Papers (Local Government Act 1972 Section 100D)  None						
Confidentiality  It is considered that this report does not contain exempt information within the meaning of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, and can be made public.						
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#### Test Valley Community Safety Partnership: Strategic Assessment 2019/20:

#### June 2020.

This assessment covers incidents in regards to Crime and Community Safety in the Test Valley Partnership area for the period from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2109 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020. In mid-March 2020, the UK suffered the Covid-19 pandemic and was instructed under government guidelines to lockdown on 23<sup>rd</sup> March, which continued beyond the end of the financial year. Despite coming at the end of this reporting period, it should be noted that this may have had an impact on the figures produced in this assessment. It is likely that some areas will have noted a logical reduction in reports in this period whist of others will be expected to see an increase in levels of reporting, for example Domestic Abuse. However it is not possible to quantify the full impact of this at this time.

Crime Data (2019/20 vs 2018/19): 1

#### **Test Valley District:**

	Crime Type:	No.	+/-	% Change
•	Homicide	1	(-1)	-50%
•	Violence with Injury	989	(+14)	1.4%
•	Violence without Injury	1,922	(+220)	12.9%
•	Rape	108	(+17)	18.7%
•	Other Sexual Offences	200	(+37)	22.7%
•	Robbery of Business	12	(-9)	-42.9%
•	Robbery of Personal Property	51	(-6)	-10.5%
•	Residential Burglary	475	(+57)	+14.2%
•	Burglary (Business and Community)	200	(-107)	-34.9%%
•	Vehicle Offences	587	(+37)	1.2%
•	Theft from person	53	(+4)	8.2%
•	Bicycle Theft	69	(-5)	-6.8%
•	Shoplifting	427	(-158)	-27%
•	Criminal damage	734	(-3)	-0.4%
•	Arson	26	(+3)	13%
•	Trafficking of Drugs	58	(+19)	48.7%
•	Possession of Drugs	136	(-1)	-0.7%
•	Possession of Weapons	96	(+19)	24.7%

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Public Order	779	(+113)	17%
Anti-Social Behaviour	1,542	(-332)	-17.67%
Rural Crime	1,698	(+4)	+0.24%
Total Crime	7, 711	(+73)	+0.96%
	Anti-Social Behaviour Rural Crime	Anti-Social Behaviour 1,542 Rural Crime 1,698	Anti-Social Behaviour 1,542 (-332) Rural Crime 1,698 (+4)

Test Valley by Area*:		North	North		South	
	Crime Type:	No.	+/-	No. +/-		
•	Homicide	0	(-2)	1	(+1)	
•	Violence with Injury	629	(-14)	350	(+24)	
•	Violence without Injury	1,177	(+94)	731	(+133)	
•	Rape	63	(+6)	39	(+11)	
•	Other Sexual Offences	125	(+27)	63	(+2)	
•	Robbery of Business	2	(-3)	10	(-6)	
•	Robbery of Personal Property	30	(-4)	19	(-4)	
•	Residential Burglary	232	(+52)	243	(+7)	
•	Burglary (Business and Community)	103	(-52)	97	(-55)	
•	Vehicle Offences	264	(+-27)	321	(+37)	
•	Theft from person	31	(+1)	19	(+1)	
•	Bicycle Theft	35	(-9)	34	(+4)	
•	Shoplifting	272	(-87)	155	(-71)	
•	Criminal damage	408	(+5)	324	(-8)	
•	Arson	11	(-5)	15	(+8)	
•	Trafficking of Drugs	43	(+17)	15	(+2)	
•	Possession of Drugs	91	(-3)	45	(+2)	
•	Possession of Weapons	58	(+13)	38	(+6)	
•	Public Order	465	(+33)	306	(+73)	
•	Anti-Social Behaviour	884	(-178)	658	(-153)	
•	Total Crime	4,469	(-26)	3,177	(+74)	

<sup>\*</sup> Figures split may not exactly total report numbers.

In 2019/20, Total Crime in Test Valley rose by 0.96% (from +2.49% in 2018/19), this is lower than the overall rate of increase for the county (+1.9%). The crime level represents 3.67% of all crime

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reported across the county (from 3.71% in 2018/19). Statistically, crime rates in Test Valley are the fourth lowest levels of overall crime by district in the county (from sixth in 2018/19). <sup>1</sup>

Within the district, the wards with the highest overall levels of reported incidents are St Marys, and Alamein (unchanged from previous year), followed by Winton and Abbey. When analysed on the basis of population the wards with the highest pro-rata levels are St Marys, Abbey and Alamein (also unchanged).<sup>1</sup>

Of the incidents reported overall 3,090 incidents took place in a public place (previously 3,043); 627 involved alcohol and/or drugs, a decrease of 16 (2.5%), and 147 involved a bladed weapon (139) representing 1.9% of total crimes. <sup>1</sup>

Rural crime increased by a total of 4 reports over the year, but fell in each of the final three quarters compared to the same period previously, after increasing by 51 in comparable quarter ones. This contrasts with an increase of 9.5% the previous year.<sup>1</sup>

Across Test Valley victims of crime were broadly equal between males (37.41%) and females (37.34%) where this was stated. 32.7% identified as 'White', 0.86% as 'Asian' and 0.6% as 'Black' (66.22% were not known or unstated). Victim Support assisted 476 people from Test Valley, of which the majority (278) were female; 303 were from Andover, 86 from Romsey and 18 from Stockbridge.<sup>1</sup>

1,162 reports of Domestic Abuse were recorded in Test Valley on 2019/20, an increase of 83 from 1,079 in 2018/9. Of these 241 (20.7%) were linked to the use or drink or drugs. Test Valley has the sixth lowest rates of recorded Domestic Abuse in the county with 4.8% of all reports received. <sup>1</sup>

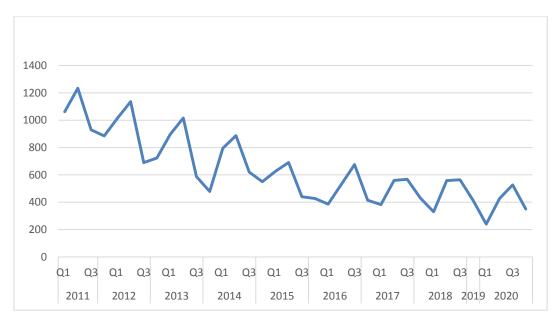
A total of 133 incidents were recorded as 'Hate Crimes', up from 114 in 2018/19, of these 6 were related to faith or religion (up from four previously); 79 (72) were racially motivated, 1 gender plus 31 sexuality related, and 15 (20) disability based. This equates to 1.031 per 100,000 of population (from 0.926) and remains the sixth lowest local authority rate in the county<sup>1</sup>. Whilst it is not possible to quantify its impact on a local basis, it is thought that the implications of Brexit may have influenced these reports to some degree

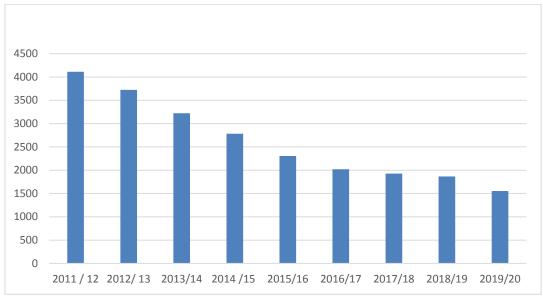
A total of 244 road traffic accidents took place in the Test Valley district in 2019/20. Of these 6 involved fatalities; 70 were deemed 'serious' and 168 were 'slight'. The rates of the killed or seriously injured (KSI) in Test Valley are higher (65.3) than the South East regional and national rates (49.6 / 46.2).<sup>1</sup>

#### **Anti-Social Behaviour:**

Analysis of the available data shows that reports of incidents of ASB have continued to fall by a further 332 incidents (-17.67%) in 2019/20 (from -3.9% in 2018/19). From its peak in 2011 at 1,234 in Quarter 2 of that year, reports fell to 350 in Quarter 4 of 2019/20 (latest available figures). <sup>1</sup>

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Reported incidents in the North of Test Valley (including Mid-Test ward beats) were 884 a fall of 178 (16.5%) on the previous year. In the South, reports numbered 658, a fall of 18.9% (-153).

#### Serious Violence: 2

Hampshire Constabulary area was identified as one of 18 areas to receive funding for a Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) from the Home Office. This VRU will aim to reduce violence, using local broad and narrow definitions of most serious violence, with a focus on youth knife crime.

The VRU has produced a 'problem profile' covering the Hampshire County Council area, including the 11 districts and 9 community safety partnerships. Hampshire is a generally safe place to live with a

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lower crime rate than England and similar violent crime rate to the counties which are ranked as nearest neighbours.

Information provided by the Problem Profile report (Dec 2019) compiled by the Hampshire Violence Reduction Unit show that Test Valley has lower risk factors for involvement in Violence than both the national and county council average (where available) in the following areas:

Narrow definition of MSV (Most Serious Violence), per 10,000 <25s</li>

-	Trainer definition of this value serious violence, per 10,000	-255
		[TV 6.7; HCC 6.8]
•	Children in need (per 10,000) <18s	[TV 6.0; HCC 6.1; Eng. 7.1]
•	Est. % of mental health disorders	[TV 8.2; HCC 8.4; Eng. 9.4]
•	Hospital admissions for alcohol-specific conditions - Under 18s	(per 100,00)
		[28.5; 30.6; 32.9]
•	Children assessed by YOT	[6.4; 8.3]
•	Average attainment 8 score	[49.9; 47.5; 46.7]
•	Fixed period exclusion rate - All school types	[3.35; 4.48; 5.08]
•	Unauthorised absence % - All school types	[0.9%; 1.0%; 1.4%]
•	Children whose parents receiving domestic abuse support (rate	per 1,000)
		[2.8; 5.5]
•	Lone parent house-holds %	[14%; 15%; 19%]
•	% children living in low income families	[9.4%; 10.2%; 17%]
•	Deprivation - IMD 2019	[11.9; 12.7; 21.8]
•	Statutory homeless (per 1000 households)	[1; 1.2; 2.4]
•	Household stability (lived here one year ago)	[73.1%; 72.8]
•	Deaths from drug misuse (DSR, 100,000)	[2.8; 3.9; 4.5]
•	Places licensed to sell alcohol per square km	[0.6; 1.2]

Test Valley District has not been highlighted as one of the primary districts impacted by the highest risk factors (Community and Society; Relationships; and Individual factors) in Hampshire under this process, citing its low proportion of children in low income families; high educational achievement with low exclusion rates, but with a slightly lower proportions of owner occupiers and higher rates of unemployment. The broad definition rate of violence across Hampshire Constabulary (October 2016 to September 2019), ranks Test Valley as seventh and in line with the county average (per 1,000 population)

Using the Narrow Definition of Most Serious Violence, Test Valley ranks seventh lowest of the eleven districts in the rates of crime for the period Oct 2016-19, and the rate fell in the last year. It ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in rates of crime involving a bladed weapon, and for these crime types involving an individual under 25. Test Valley also had the ninth lowest rate of children being assessed by the Youth Offending Team, (to November 2017) and of parents receiving support from domestic abuse services 2019), but the fourth highest levels of children in need across Hampshire in 2019.

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The profile notes that Basingstoke, Rushmoor, and Test Valley there were a higher number of knife-related violent crimes. However, within each of these districts there is a large amount of variation. The data outlines clear areas of greater knife violence involving the under 25s including in Basingstoke, Farnborough and Andover. Within Test Valley, Andover has two areas within the top ten beats with higher counts of 'narrow definition most serious violence', where an offender of aggrieved under 25, and a knife was involved (2016-2019). These are Alamein (17 knife crimes) and St Marys (12).

Both areas are listed in the Hampshire Mental Health and Wellbeing Index most deprived decile. This index assesses the areas high vulnerabilities for material wellbeing (including high unemployment and income deprivation), life satisfaction (as measured from the Annual Population Survey), health (including proportion with a disability, lower life expectancy and health self-assessment measures) and strong and stable families (including higher lone parent households, social isolation and young carers). Local information believes this is in part linked to the known issues of county lines supplies.

A range of local initiatives are underway or planned to address the identified issues in regards to drug related and knife crime. The Community Safety Management Group has formulated a subgroup of relevant partners to discuss, inform and tackle drug related harm, alongside its existing Operation Fortress partnership groups. In addition, the Test Valley Partnership, Test Valley Borough council and Police are working with and supporting a local initiative developed by Yellow Brick Road and UpSkillU, known as the 'Legacy Project' which seeks to engage and mentor young people in Andover from schools and PRU with those with lived experiences of issues including County Lines, CCE, CSE and knife crime. The Partnership will also be working with the Hampshire VRU in contributing and developing its workstreams in these areas

#### Other Data:

Hampshire Fire & Rescue Service data shows that 212 fires (down from 267) were reported in Test Valley during 2019/20, of which 115 were accidental and 64 were deliberate actions. The majorly of cases resulted from cooking, overheating or faulty fuel supplies or appliances. <sup>1</sup>

HF&RS completed a total of 25 safeguarding visits to residents, up from 24 in the previous year, 12 for adult males, 11 adult females and 2 others. Of these the largest number was for self-neglect (15, up from 8), and 4 for neglect (3). No visits took place in this year over concerns of modern slavery (1 in 2018/19). <sup>1</sup>

Data from the Andover Street Pastors<sup>6</sup> for the period for April 2019 to 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020 (when services ceased due to Coivd restrictions), showed they had made 1,085 personal contacts during 210 patrols supporting visitors to the night time economy in Andover Town centre. However they were only required to defuse one aggressive situation and made two safe apace visits, whilst supporting 131 vulnerable people. They needed to administer first aid on only one occasion despite clearing 940 bottles / glasses etc., providing 182 drinks or flip flops, and arranging transport for five. No

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homelessness referrals to hostels were made by Street Pastors during the period for the second consecutive year.

Reports of incidents of ASB to Test Valley Borough Council increased from 38 to 74 in the year to March 2020 <sup>8</sup>. Data from Radian Housing Association shows that with their local stock of 545 properties <sup>1</sup>, they dealt with 9 incidents of ASB (down from 24 in 2018/19) <sup>7</sup>. Countywide, Aster Communities dealt with 280 cases during this period, of which 270 were resolved. They obtained 5 Civil Injunctions with the power of arrest attached and served 3 NOSPs when all other interventions had failed <sup>4</sup>.

Latest available Public Health data shows rates of violent crime requiring hospital admission in Test Valley are at 30.6 per 1,000 of population [2016/17 - 2018/19]. This is better than the regional (31.2) and national (44.9) reporting levels. Rates of violent crime (21.6 per 1,000 – up from 19.7) are also better than the averages (27.2 / 27.8 – both also increased from previous year) [2018/19]. Sexual offences locally follow a similar pattern (1.9 – down from 2.2; compared to 2.6 / 2.5 respectively – the latter two both increased year on year) [2018/19]  $^{1.}$ 

Rates for hospital admissions shows that intentional self-harm requiring hospital admission, although reducing (225 from 230.7) continue to exceed the regional and national averages (199.7 / 193.4) [2018/19]. The reported suicide rate in Test Valley has decreased from 10.5 to 7.8, and is now under the regional and national averages (9.2/ 9.6 per 1,000) [2016-2018]. <sup>1</sup>

Latest available data shows death rates from substance misuse have fallen (2.8 / 3.1) year on year and remain better than the regional and national averages (3.9 / 4.5) [2016/18]. Rates of smoking also are better than in the Southern and England statistics (10.9 / 12.9 / 14.4) [2018], whilst admissions for alcohol related issues are better than regional averages and similar to the national rates (530 / 678 / 526.) in 2018/19. <sup>1</sup>

Data shows that Test Valley has lower rates of pupil absence (4.42), than the South East (4.76) and national averages (4.81) (2017/18)<sup>1</sup>.

No referrals were made to the Channel Panel from Prevent in the district in 2019/20 3.

Test Valley reports a reoffending rate of 30.1, which exceeded the regional and national averages (27.6 / 29.1) in 2017/18 (latest available data). Noise complaints reported (4.6) are below the national and South East region averages (5.0 / 6.8) [2018/19].

Rates of statutory homeless people not in priority need are lower than regional and national levels (0.2 / 0.7 / 0.8) in 2017/18, as are the rates for homeless people in temporary accommodation (1.5 / 2.2 / 3.4). <sup>1</sup>

A range of targeted early intervention, engagement and prevention models and partnership projects have continued to be implemented over the course of the year to help address the Test Valley

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Partnerships priority areas and impact on the levels of reported incidents. Details of some of these are shown below.

#### **Community Safety Priorities: 2020/21**

The Community Safety Management Group has reviewed its priorities for 2020/21, on the basis of the views and priorities of the Group partners, and the most recently available strategic and partner data. They will remain subject corroboration with Police's Force Control Strategy priorities and the priorities of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner to ensure consistency of approach.

The draft proposals, subject to the agreement of the Test Valley Partnership Board, are as follows:

#### CSP Priority Areas for 2020/21:

- Community Crime Prevention and Public Safety. To increase public reassurance and confidence to report issues to public bodies.
- Anti-Social Behaviour, in particular including street-attached behaviours.
- Supporting Vulnerable People in Need, to include issues of Domestic Abuse, Scams (in particular Covid related), Hate Crimes and Modern Slavery.
- Positive engagement and early intervention with young people, to identify and address potential causal issues of behaviours.
- Drug related harm, and knife crime linked to 'County lines'.
- Maintain rural community confidence, through encouraging co-operative partnership amongst landowners and partners.
- To encourage co-operative partnership amongst agencies and community/voluntary sector groups working towards enhanced and positive communities.

A cross cutting theme for these priorities would be the impact and effect of the Covid-19 pandemic on each.

A partnership action plan for these priorities covering the period June 2020 - June 2021 will be drawn up and monitored by the Community Safety Management Group, and its sub groups, subject to their approval by the Test Valley Partnership. <sup>3</sup>

#### Project Updates: 3

**'Op Mazi':** Following reports of Anti-Social Behaviour linked to street-attached individuals, mainly in Andover Town Centre, in the summer of 2018, 'Op Mazi' was launched by Police, TVBC and local specialist treatment and support service sector partners to address this. Effective partnership working, positive public perception, alongwith clear and transparent communications to the public regarding the actions taken were the keys to the success of this operation.

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Actions have included increased police and partner presence in the areas most affected, plus direct specialist engagement with those concerned to identify any vulnerabilities and issues, with subsequent referrals to partners for action on drink and drug related issues, housing and/or benefits as applicable.

During the course of 2019, 20 days of partnership action days took place, alongwith a six week summer operation, looking to work effectively with partners to establish long term solutions NOT just displace the issue to other areas of the town. There have been fewer reports of street drinking this year, and alcohol has continued to be confiscated. Between January and July 2019, a total of 85 'stops' were made by police under Op Mazi in the town centre<sup>5</sup>.

A market place stall was also held by partners to promote and educate the public on the work being done together to support local street attached people into accommodation and to address their individual needs. This session also aimed to encourage people not to give money directly to street attached people, rather to provide food or drink, or suggested options to give moneys to the groups supporting them, to ensure the money is used as intended by the giver.

12 homeless people were supported into accommodation as a direct result of the proactive working between police and partners. A further four were assisted but did not proceed, whilst others found their own accommodation or left the area. This resulted in a reduction in levels of street attached individuals present and in disrupting usual or as expected to prevent the escalation of ASB Nuisance from those begging in the area<sup>5</sup>

A total of 85 'C12A's' notices considering intention of serve formal 'Community Protection Warning Notices' were served under the terms of the Public Spaces Protection Order in place in the town centre. None of these proceed to become Community Protection Notices <sup>5</sup>

**Community-MARAC** – Following a review in 2018 it was decided to revise the previous 'Partnership Action Team' formats to become Community-MARACs [Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferences] to better enable effective partnership involvement in case action planning using a Harm Centred Approach. All referrals received which are assessed as 'High Risk' will be heard at a case conference within 7 days.

In March 2020 this new process was evaluated, and RESOLVE ASB were asked to independently review the new systems and provide feedback and training to all partners. Positive feedback was revived on the new systems and processes, including praise for the diverse of range of partners fully engaged in this process, particularly citing the involvement of school representatives highlighted as good practice. Those partners with lesser or little engagement in the process were noted to be those agencies who were also reported to have similar issues elsewhere in the country, and measures continue to promote the benefits of engagement for all relevant partners in this process.

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In 2019-20, the C-MARACs had 37 cases referred and reviewed. 4 were assessed as High Risk, 23 as medium risk, and 10 as low risk. Of these, as at 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 30 cases had been closed 7 remained open. This shows the process is working to deliver resolutions to cases referred and that the majority of agencies are engaged in the process.

**'ICE':** As a result of scheduling issues around pre-exam sessions it was not possible to hold the scheduled summer ICE cohort in Romsey in 2019. However, a successful programme was completed in the autumn term. The third, spring cohort commenced but was forced to close early as a result of the Coronavirus outbreak and so participants did not complete the course. However, a total of 27 young people attended the bulk of the available sessions, of whom fifteen completed the whole programme.

Feedback from participants and partners continues to have been positive, both in terms of the course and its subsequent impact on attitudes and behaviours. One deputy head teacher was quoted as saying 'this course has provided invaluable support to a group of young people who often get overlooked and witnessed real growth in some of the students from the duration of the project'. Due to the Covid outbreak the programme will remain in abeyance during the summer of 2020 in line with guidance.

**Big Band Buffet:** Following the postponement of the Jan 2019 event, two Big Band Buffets took place in 2010-20, in June 2019 and Jan 2020, in Romsey and Stockbridge respectively. Each event was attended to capacity and attracted the highest number of agency and support group presence to date. In each case the participants rated the event as either 'good' or 'excellent' (98.5 and 100% respectively), and in being able to learn more about the services available and how to access them. To date over 1,100 people have attended these events, and an offer to sponsor an event in 2021 has been received from the Police and Crime Commissioner.

**Community Sports:** TVBC and Hampshire Police reorganised the format of the previous community sports programmes in 2019 to increase the capacity and effectiveness of the scheme and to target those most vulnerable and at risk whilst remaining a free and open to all session. The aim is continue to improve relationships and understanding between agencies and young people, and to break down barriers to effective engagement and communication between them.

Short informal sessions in the holidays were replaced with two larger events in Andover and Romsey which allowed for a more diverse and so attractive range of sporting options, including Football, Tennis, Athletics, Hockey, and other taster sessions led by professional trainers. The events were well attended with around 60 young people at each. Although pro-active steps were taken with a wide range of partners to attract a proportion of young people at risk prior to public invitation, the events did not achieve the levels hoped for and additional work, including using the positive feedback from this pilot will be undertaken to address this with partners for future sessions.

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**CCTv:** Following a review at the end of the existing CCTv contract, new areas for coverage were identified and a contact tendered. A new contractor has been appointed and as a result existing CCTv systems and footage are being upgraded. In addition, the coverage in the Andover Chantry Centre is now being incorporated into this system, alongwith new cameras covering the multi-storey car park, Town Mills, Lights Theatre underpass, and Sheppard's Spring Lane. The upgrade is due to be completed in July 2020. Plans are also being discussed for a possible camera in the War Memorial Park in Romsey.

**PSPOs:** Plans are under development for Public Space Protection Orders. Public and partner consultations has been completed on three proposed orders, one covering Andover Town Centre in regards to Anti-social behaviour, harassment and public health, plus two others which represented continuation of the terms of the former Designated Public Place Orders and Dog Control Orders. Interim PSPOs are currently in place for the latter two until October 2020. The revised orders (excluding the dog control orders) came into force on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2010 and will be valid for three years.

#### Statutory Reporting Items: 3

**Community Trigger:** 'Community Trigger' is a statutory device which gives victims and communities the right to request a formal review of their case where circumstances of ASB meet a set threshold. CSP's are obliged to publish details of all Trigger requests and outcomes annually.

In 2019/20 one formal Community Trigger review request was received. However, this was rejected as it referred to a single agency and so was referred to their own internal complaints procedure.

A Community Trigger was instigated at the proposal of TVBC and Police following complaints received from one resident. The complainant declined to request a CT but this process was considered best practice to review the joint actions taken in considering the complaint. The review found that all actions agreed by the agencies had been taken and that there was no new evidence of the issue continuing, and subject to further evidence, no further action was proposed.

**Domestic Homicide Review:** The DHR (known by the pseudonym 'Hodges') was submitted to the Home Offices Quality Assurance Panel for review. This was held in October 2019 and noted -

"The QA Panel noted that this is an honest and transparent review, with an excellent breadth of information and discussion in the Findings section. The Recommendations and Action plan have been appropriately completed and early learning has been instigated that has resulted in the implementation of new safeguarding reporting forms. The QA Panel specifically commended the report on a thorough combined chronology.

There were some aspects of the report which the Home Office felt needed a further revision. On completion of these changes the DHR should be resubmitted to the Home Office for review."

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The DHR panel chair has subsequently reviewed these comment and proposed a response to the Home Office which is currently being considered by the CSP member of the Test Valley Partnership. In the interim, 12 of the 13 recommendations have been implemented by partners, and an update on the final action is pending.

In June 2019 a further DHR referral (known by the pseudonym 'Nicole') was received from Police. A panel was formed with the same Home Office approved independent Chair and author. The panel has completed its review, the report and draft action plan of which is shortly to be submitted to the CSP partners for approval.

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# ITEM 12 Programme of Work for the Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Report of Head of Legal and Democratic Services

#### **Recommended:**

#### The Committee is requested to:

- 1. Review the outcomes on the work programme and recommendations update.
- 2. Approve the future work programme.

#### SUMMARY:

 The purpose of this report is to enable members to keep the Committee's future work programme and recommendations update under review.

#### 1. Background

- 1.1 The OSCOM Work Programme is presented at Annex 1 for review and approval.
- 1.2 The OSCOM Task and Finish Panels update is presented at Annex 2 for the Committee's review and comments.
- 1.3 The Cabinet Work Programme is attached at Annex 3 for the Committee to consider.
- 1.4 Annex 4 tracks the recommendations to Cabinet and Council.

Background Papers (Local Government Act 1972 Section 100D)  None							
Confidentiality	Confidentiality						
	It is considered that this report does not contain exempt information within the meaning of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, and can be made public.						
No of Annexes:	4						
Author:	Caroline Lovelock	Ext:	8014				
File Ref: N/A							
Report to:	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Date:	14 October 2020				

## **OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2020/21**

	*Scrutiny Indicator	Requested by	Purpose of Report (Responsible Officer/ Member)
9 December 2020			
Roundtable Session on Mental Health	4	Committee	A Roundtable session for Members on mental health.  Head of Planning Policy (20 mins)
Economic Development Portfolio Holder Presentation	4	Committee	To receive a presentation from the Economic Development Portfolio Holder including tourism  Councillor Drew (30 mins)
Review of Economic Development Action Plan	4	Committee	To review the Economic Development Action Plan. (Councillor Drew) (30 mins)
Authority Monitoring Report	2	Committee	To consider the Authority Monitoring Report.  Head of Planning Policy (20 mins)
Scope for Review of Outside Bodies	3	Committee	To receive a proposed scope for an OSCOM Panel to review Outside Bodies and their appointments.  Councillor C Dowden (20 mins)
20 January 2021			
Portfolio Holder Presentation	2	Committee	To receive a presentation from a Portfolio Holder Portfolio to be confirmed (30 mins)
Review of Armed Forces Convenant	4	Committee	To consider the report from the OSCOM Panel on the Armed Forces Covenant.  Councillor N Matthews (30 mins)
Budget Strategy Update	1	Committee	To receive an update from the Budget Panel.  Vice Chairman (20 mins)

\* Scrutiny Indicator Key:

1 : Holding to Account 2 : Performance Management 3 : Policy Review 4 : Policy Development 5 : External Scrutiny

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Covid-19 Recovery Update	4	Committee	To receive an update on the work being undertaken as part of Covid-19 Recovery.  Policy Manager (20 mins)
Scope for second stage of Health Review	4	Committee	To receive a proposed scope for a further OSCOM Panel on health provision.
17 February 2021			
New Neighbourhoods Review Update	3	Cabinet	To receive an update on the review of new neighbourhoods.  Community Engagement Manager (20 mins)
17 March 2021			
Roundtable session on Corporate Action Plan Year 3 and Performance Indicators	2	Cabinet	A roundtable session on the Corporate Action Plan for Year 3 and Performance Indicators.  Policy Manager (20 mins)
17 April 2021			
26 May 2021			
Covid-19 Recovery Update	4	Committee	To receive an update on the work being undertaken as part of the Covid-19 Recovery.  Policy Manager (20 mins)
26 June 2021			
Disability, Equality and Inclusion Annual Report	4	Committee	To receive the Disability, Equality and Inclusion Annual Report  Community Engagement Manager (20 mins)
21 July 2021			
Corporate Action Plan Update	4	Committee	To receive an update on the Corporate Action Plan  Policy Manager (20 mins)

Scrutiny Indicator Key:
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CONFIRMED	Indicator	by	(Responsible Officer/ Member)
Review of the Area Planning Committee Pilot	2	Committee	The Review of Planning Committees be delayed until the Committees have received 'business as usual' for a period of 12 months after the date at which in the opinion of the Head of Planning and Building Service in consultation with the Planning Portfolio Holder, measures have been established to adequately address the issue of nitrate neutrality in planning applications therefore a date for this item is tbc but likely to be 2021.
Review Procedure for selection of Chairman	3	Council	To review the procedure for selection of the Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Review to be held once Planning Committees have been operating as 'normal' in accordance with Council decision.  Councillor C Dowden

Purpose of Report

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## **BRIEFING NOTES**

2020		
March	Affordable Housing Update (Head of Housing and Environmental Health)	
June	Test Valley Partnership Annual Review Risk Management Report	27 July 2020
September	Shared Services Update	
Nov/Dec	Review of Outside Bodies	
2021		
March	Affordable Housing Update (Head of Housing and Environmental Health)	

Scrutiny Indicator Key:
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Panel	Lead Member	Progress Update	Report back to OSCOM
		Scoping report to be produced.	
		Councillor Borg Neal liaising with relevant organisations. Panel would commence following the Borough Elections in May 2019.	
		Members have been invited to sit on the panel.	
		The panel consists of Councillors Borg Neal, Burley, Coole, Donnelly, Hamilton, Matthews and Rowles.	
rmed Forces Covenant		Meetings have been held with 11 Brigade's Army Civilian Liaison Officer and a scope will be considered at the next Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting.	16 October 2019
	Councillor Matthews	The scoping document will be considered at OSCOM on 11 December 2019	11 December 2019
		The next meeting was due to be held on Monday 23 March however this was cancelled due to the Coronavirus emergency.	
		The last meeting had been cancelled due to the current situation however a remote meeting was planned in the near future. A questionnaire would be circulated to gather ideas.	
		The panel had recently met to discuss and agree the way forward. The Panel had drafted a planned overview and distributed a questionnaire to all members to gather wider information. The results of the questionnaire would be reviewed by the end of July.	
		The first phase of the Panel would be to familiarise the Panel with the Covenant and gather survey data.	

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# ANNEX 2

T		Councillor Matthews would like members to let him have any questions so that he can involve the relevant officers. A workshop will be held during the second week of August to look at the information gathered.  The Panel had had two meetings and a discussion since the last meeting where they had received an informative brief from the Head of Housing and Community Development and would be followed up with a meeting to clarify a number of points. It is anticipated that by the end of September they would be in a position where they would have enough information on housing and community engagement to discuss and suggest recommendations for improvement. The discussions will continue once a fortnight to discuss two more topics. The next two topics will be education and health. Councillor Matthews will update the Committee at its next meeting on housing and community engagement.	Test Valley Borough Council - Overview and Scrutiny Committee .
Page 31	Budget Panel	The Budget Panel met on 29 June where the panel considered the Revenue Outturn 2019/2020. The variance between the budgeted and actual expenditure for the year was positive. The Panel also considered a report on the impact of Covid-19 on the Council's budget and reserves and looked at the additional expenditure, lost income and grant income. The next meeting will be held on 19 October to consider the monthly return for September, the budget for 2020/21 and fees and charge. The Head of Finance explained that things have moved on significantly since the meeting in June and was currently compiling a claim to the Government for loss of income.	and Scrutiny Committee - 10 Novemb

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# **Cabinet Work Programme**

#### November 2020

#### **Further information**

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- 1. This is a formal notice under Regulation 9 of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements)(Meetings and Access to Information)(England) Regulations 2012. This edition supersedes all previous editions.
- 2. Documents submitted to the Cabinet or Cabinet Member(s) for decision will be in the form of a formal report, which if public and non-urgent, will be available for public inspection on this website at least 5 clear working days before the date that the decision is due to be made.
- 3. Background papers for such reports are listed in this Programme where their identity is known in advance of the report being written.
- 4. Documents shown will be available from the Democratic Services Manager at Test Valley Borough Council, Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, Andover, Hants, SP10 3AJ. They can also be contacted at <a href="mailto:admin@testvalley.gov.uk">admin@testvalley.gov.uk</a>.
- 5. Please note that additional documents relevant to those matters mentioned in the Work Programme may be submitted to the decision maker.
- 6. Whilst the majority of the Cabinet's business at the meetings listed in this Work Programme will be open to the public and media organisations to attend, this is formal notice under the above regulations that part of the Cabinet meetings listed in this Work Programme may be held in private because the agenda and reports for the meeting will contain exempt information under Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 (as amended) and that the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing it.
- 6. To view details of the members of the Council's Cabinet who will be making these decisions, please click the link below:

  Cabinet Members

### **KEY DECISIONS**

A key decision is one which is likely

1. to result in the local authority incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the local authority's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates;

or

2. to be significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards or electoral divisions in the area of the local authority.

The Council's thresholds are

a.	Decisions on spending which are within the annual budgets	NO THRESHOLD	NOT KEY DECISION
	approved by the Council		

b. Decisions on cash flow, investments and borrowings. NO THRESHOLD NOT KEY DECISION

c. Decisions for spending or savings outside the budget, or included in the annual budget with reservations.

SPENDING EXCESS OF £75,000 PER ITEM IS A KEY DECISION

#### Arrangements for making representations to the cabinet regarding decisions contained within the work programme

A member of the public may address the Cabinet in accordance with the Public Participation Scheme. Notice must be given to the Democratic Services Manager by noon on the day before the meeting.

Members of the public are welcome to write to the appropriate Head of Service as listed in the Work Programme on any matter where a decision is to be made.

Date of Decision	Item	Key Decision	Decision maker	May include information which is not to be made public*	Documents to be submitted for consideration	Head of Service	Notice of proposed decision first published
4 Nov 2020 Andover	Social Inclusion Services	No	Cabinet	Open	Report of the Housing and Environmental Health Portfolio Holder	Head of Housing and Environmental Health	28 Sep 2020
4 Nov 2020 Andover	Planning Advisory Panel	No	Cabinet	Open	Report of the Planning Portfolio Holder	Head of Planning Policy and Economic Development	4 Aug 2020
4 Nov 2020 Andover	Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report	No	Cabinet	Open	Report of the Planning Portfolio Holder	Head of Planning Policy and Economic Development	4 Aug 2020
4 Nov 2020 Andover	Corporate Financial Monitoring (6 months)	No	Cabinet	Open	Report of the Finance Portfolio Holder	Head of Finance	6 Apr 2020
2 Dec 2020 Andover	Fees and Charges	No	Cabinet	Open	Report of the Finance Portfolio Holder	Head of Finance	6 Apr 2020
2 Dec 2020 Andover	Asset Management Plan Update	No	Council	Open	Report of the Finance Portfolio Holder	Head of Finance	6 Apr 2020

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2 Dec 2020 Andover	Medium Term Financial Stategy	No	Cabinet	Open	Report of the Finance Portfolio Holder	Head of Finance	6 Apr 2020
2 Dec 2020 Andover	Capital Programme Update	No	Council	Open	Report of the Finance Portfolio Holder	Head of Finance	6 Apr 2020
2 Dec 2020 Romsey	Future of Housing Options Service Provision	Yes	Council	Open	Report of the Housing and Environmental Health Portfolio Holder	Head of Housing and Environmental Health	26 Oct 2020
2 Dec 2020 Romsey	Ganger Farm	Yes	Council	Open	Report of the Planning Portfolio Holder	Head of Planning and Building	26 Oct 2020
2 Dec 2020 Romsey	Abbotswood on site public art commission	No	Cabinet	Open	Report of the Community & Leisure Portfolio Holder	Head of Community and Leisure	23 Oct 2020
2 Dec 2020 Romsey	Valley Housing Business Plan Update	No	Cabinet	Fully exempt	Report of the Finance Portfolio Holder	Head of Revenues	7 Oct 2020
13 Jan 2021 Andover	Budget Forecast Update	No	Cabinet	Open	Report of the Finance Portfolio Holder	Head of Finance	24 Jul 2020
13 Jan 2021 Romsey	Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2021/22	No	Council	Open	Report of the Finance Portfolio Holder	Head of Finance	28 Sep 2020

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10 Feb 2021 Romsey	Revenue Budget & Council Tax Proposals	No	Cabinet	Open	Report of the Finance Portfolio Holder	Head of Finance	24 Jul 2020
10 Feb 2021 Romsey	Capital Programme Update	No	Council	Open	Report of the Finance Portfolio Holder	Head of Finance	24 Jul 2020
10 Feb 2021 Romsey	Treasury Management Strategy	No	Council	Open	Report of the Finance Portfolio Holder	Head of Finance	24 Jul 2021
10 Mar 2021 Romsey	Write off of uncollectable debts	No	Cabinet	Open	Report of the Finance Portfolio Holder	Head of Revenues	21 Sep 2020
14 Apr 2021 Andover	Carry Forward of Unspent Revenue Budget	No	Cabinet	Open	Report of the Finance Portfolio Holder	Head of Finance	24 Sep 2020
14 Apr 2020 Andover	Annual Governance Statement	No	Council	Open	Report of the Finance Portfolio Holder	Head of Finance	24 Sep 2020
19 May 2021	Corporate Action Plan - Year 3 Update	No	Cabinet	Open	Report of the Leader	Chief Executive	27 Oct 2020

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	Agreed		Start Date	Action	Progress Update		
Recommendation	OSCOM 18.3.20	Cabinet	Council 10.06.20				
Recommended to Council:			<b>√</b>		Resolved at Council		
That the draft Climate Emergency Action Plan annexed to the report be agreed.					<ol> <li>That the Climate Emergency Action Plan (Annex 1 to the report) be approved.</li> <li>That the Head of Planning Policy and Economic Development, in consultation with the Environment Portfolio Holder, be authorised to make changes of a minor nature to improve the presentation of the Climate Emergency Action Plan and correct typographical errors prior to publication.</li> </ol>	The change in work practices brought on by the COVID 19 pandemic have provided an opportunity to implement certain actions earlier than anticipated, such as the greater use of virtual meetings. Officers have also set in place internal monitoring measures and review mechanisms	