

Minutes of the **Overview and Scrutiny Committee**
of the **Test Valley Borough Council**
held in The Annexe, Crosfield Hall, Broadwater Road, Romsey,
on 24 June 2020 at 5.30 pm

Attendance:

Councillor Z Brooks (Chairman)

Councillor N Lodge (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor G Bailey

Councillor K Hamilton

Councillor D Baverstock

Councillor V Harber

Councillor T Burley

Councillor N Matthews

Councillor D Coole

Councillor J Parker

Councillor C Dowden

Councillor R Rowles

Councillor A Finlay

Councillor A Ward

Councillor N Gwynne

Councillor A Warnes

Also in attendance

Councillor N Adams-King

Councillor I Andersen

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor C Borg-Neal and K North

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Public Participation

There was no public participation.

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Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

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Urgent Items

There were no urgent items.

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Minutes of the meeting held on 20 May 2020

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 20 May be agreed and signed as a correct record.

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Call in Items

There were no call in items.

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Urgent decisions taken since last meeting

There were no urgent decisions taken since the last meeting.

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Presentation on Local Policing

CI Thorne explained the comparison for offences from April 2019 to March 2020. Overall there has been an increase in crimes of 0.4%, whilst ASB reports for the year fell by 17%. During the period of the Covid-19 Pandemic (April 1 to June 15) overall crime was down by 22.5%, and ASB by 4.5%.

CI Thorne responded to a number of questions from members which had been submitted to CI Thorne prior to the meeting and discussed the following;

- Fines handed out to people during Covid 19 lockdown.
- Response to 101 calls.
- Numbers and funding of PCs/PCSOs
- Street Rangers
- Speed Limits
- Travellers
- Drug use
- Recruitment of Police Officers
- County Lines

The Chairman thanked CI Thorne and Inspector Taylor for the interesting presentation and for their service to the community.

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Updates on Panels

Councillor Baverstock, Lead Member of The Future of Health Provision in Andover and Romsey updated the Committee on her panel. The report is in draft and will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

The Chairman suggested that as Councillor Matthews had been appointed at Council to Armed Forces Champion it would be appropriate for him to lead the Armed Forces Covenant panel. Councillor Coole has also indicated that he wished to stand down from the panel. A questionnaire will be sent out to inform the panel on how to take the review forward.

Resolved:

That Councillor Matthews be appointed as the Lead Member on the Armed Forces Covenant panel.

98 Update on the Covid 19 Community Response and Recovery Process

Andy Ferrier, Chief Executive updated the Committee on the COVID-19 response process. A significant part of the successful approach to response has been down to the bringing together of a large network of partners and community groups building on the council's strong track record of developing local community resilience. As we move towards recovery this will present an opportunities to learn the lessons of what worked well and what we could do differently in the future as we seek to work closely with local communities in developing their approach to resilience.

James Moody, Policy Manager updated the Committee on the Covid 19 Community Response and Recovery Process. Progress so far

- Local Resilience Forum (LRF) triggers Recovery Planning phase.
- LRF Recovery Group established (weekly)
- TVBC Recovery approach developed
- Service & thematic impact assessment undertaken
- Early work on issues such as High St's/open spaces and safe working begin in light of Government guidance.
- Recovery Workstreams identified and action plans in development
- TVBC Recovery Plan considered by Cabinet in July.

The purpose of the recovery phase is to provide specific structure for the Covid 19 recovery process in Test Valley. The Policy Manager also set out the principles for TVBC recovery and the strategic issues arising from the initial impact assessments.

A number of Recovery Workstreams have been identified as follows;

- Service Recovery
- Town Centre(s) Recovery
- Economic Recovery
- Covid-19 Secure Working
- Re-opening public spaces
- Wellbeing & mental health
- Financial Recovery
- Community Recovery
- New ways of working

The next steps will be to draft the actions plans and being them together as a single recovery action. Recovery strategy will be finalised outlining key strategic priorities for recovery and the recovery strategy will be considered by Cabinet in July.

Services have continued to be delivered throughout the pandemic and different ways of working has opened up a lot of opportunities for the future.

The Chairman thanked the Policy Manager for updating the Committee.

99 **Programme of Work for the Overview and Scrutiny
Committee**

The Committee considered and agreed the Work Programme.

- Add The Future of Health Provision in Andover and Romsey panel's report to July.
- Move Feedback (Review) on Climate Emergency Action Plan to November.
- Economic Development Portfolio Holder in October to include actions on Tourism.

Resolved:

That the Work Programme be approved.

(The meeting terminated at 7.15 pm)