

OSCOM work programme proposals following the away day and evaluation (2022/23)

1: Proposed topics for inclusion on the work programme

Topic	Focus	Links to corporate priorities
HCC Highways projects within local communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing an understanding of how HCC Highways prioritises projects and funding for schemes within local communities, and how this could link to the wider context of TVBC's place-based approach. 	Local Communities
IT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An understanding of the council's current and future IT strategy and how this links with the wider new ways of working approach. 	
Green Economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How do we capitalise on the opportunities of the green economy and what are the opportunities to promote Test Valley within this context. This topic will build upon the initial roundtable held last year. 	Local environment People Local Communities
Regeneration (Andover & Romsey)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress of south of Romsey town centre Masterplan. In addition to understand if there has been any impacts resulting from COVID. Progress of Andover Masterplan The funding environment for delivering regeneration 	Town Centres
Tourism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An understanding of the progress of the Tourism Strategy and the work undertaken so far as a result. Also an opportunity to explore within the context of the council's place-based partnerships such as Romsey Future who have been leading on work locally and their experiences to date. To explore the opportunities for the borough of culture work and the legacy from the Southampton city of culture bid. 	Town Centres Local communities

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Business Parks & Industrial estates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An overview of the current position of the business parks and the impact they have on economic development within the borough (both those owned by the council and those not owned by the council). • To receive a progress update on the partnership with Kier relating to Walworth Business Park. • Developing an understanding of the diversity of businesses on the parks and estates, employment needs and support being provided to businesses to upscale within the business parks. 	People Town Centres
Waste and recycling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting the transition to the new waste and recycling system from 2024 and associated policy development. • Exploring opportunities for how we can encourage people / businesses to reduce waste (behaviour change etc.) 	Local Environment
Leisure Provider	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service recovery, following restrictions being lifted in July 2021. 	Communities
Cost of Living	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the issues and what can be done to support people most impacted. What are other council's doing and what do the statistics show in terms of impact on local communities. To also hear back on the outcomes of the Test Valley partnership meeting. 	Communities
Medium Term Financial Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In addition to the normal work of the budget panel, this would be a focus on how the MTFs has in place plans for dealing with issues such as business rates re-sets. 	Regeneration

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Village sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An opportunity to understand and explore how the council has been working in partnership with local communities to support village sustainability. A focus on: • Broughton example (securing affordable housing) • Rural issues • Neighbourhood / community plans • Local plan role • Local services 	Communities
Affordable Housing	An understanding of how the council is working to secure all types of affordable housing and how this is delivered across the borough.	Communities People
OSCOM Handbook and raising awareness of OSCOM	Update the OSCOM handbook and to consider ways in which the committee can raise awareness amongst members and the public of its work. This will have regard to the outcomes of the communications panel.	
Accessibility within the borough	Explore how issues of accessibility are considered and planned for in regards to public spaces / public realm which could include undertaking street audits.	Town centres Local environment
Wildlife corridors	Learn from current projects such as urban meadows and explore future opportunities for ongoing work across the borough.	Local environment / climate emergency action plan
New ways of working	Update on the approach being taken as part of the council's new ways of working programme and what this could mean in terms of modernising the council works and how people access services.	
Flexibility of planning call ins	Understanding the legislation and the constitution in regards this subject.	

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Ongoing OSCOM resource commitments and items already on work programme:

Topic	Focus	Lead members / officer	Comments
Information Gathering			
Romsey Future			RTD every 2 years in due March 2024
Andover Vision		Head of Strategy and Innovation	RTD every 2 years in July
Monitoring			
Climate Emergency Action Plan	To review the latest stage of the Climate Emergency Action Plan.	Councillor Gwynne/Graham Smith	6 monthly updates
Review			
Corporate Action Plan Annual Review	Presentation by the Leader on the Corporate Action Plan.	Councillor P North	Annually (expected June)
Test Valley Partnership		Head of Strategy and Innovation	BN/Presentation every 2 years in July
Portfolio Holder Reviews	To review specific areas of Portfolio Holder's portfolios.		4 per year January, June, July and December 2022-23 cycle to be determined
Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults	To review the policy of safeguarding adults and children.	Louisa Rice	Every 2 years due in May 2024
Updates			
Local Policing	To receive a presentation on local policing.		Presentation every 2 years due in March 2024
Work of the Community Safety Management Group	To be updated on the work of the Community Safety Management Group.	Andy Pilley	Due September 2022
New Neighbourhoods		Communities	Member workshop planned for 2022

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Decision needed from Committee			
Budget Panel	To receive updates and contribute to budget setting process including fees and charges.	Cllr Matthews	Built into the annual work programme
Communications Panel		Councillor Brooks	Ongoing due to report late 2022
Planning Enforcement Panel	To understand and review the legislative and policy framework and performance.	Councillor Burley	Ongoing – Report timeline TBC
S106/CIL Panel	Review of the projects that S106 and CIL funds have been utilised for during 2016-2022.	Councillor Hamilton	OSCOM away day made reference to “Timely delivery of assets” which could feature within the existing scope of this review.
Authority’s Monitoring Report	To consider the findings from this year’s annual Authority’s Monitoring Report 2021/22.	David Bibby	Annual report in December
Chairman’s Annual Report	To inform Council of the work undertaken by OSCOM in the preceding 12 months.	Councillor Lodge	Annual report to Council in June
Draft Budget Fees and Charges	To consider the Budget Panel’s report on the draft budget and draft fees and charges.	Councillor Matthews/Head of Finance	Annual report in October