

Panel	Lead Member	Progress Update	Report back to OSCOM
Budget Panel	Councillor Neal	<p>Councillor Neal, Lead Member of the Budget Panel reported that a meeting had been held on 17 January. The meeting looked at the changes to the 2023/24 budget forecast since the Medium Term Financial Strategy was presented in October. This included the provisional Local Government Finance Settlement, New Homes' Bonus provisional allocations, revenue savings and budget pressures. It also provided an updated Medium Term Financial Forecast covering 2023/24 to 2025/26.</p> <p>It was reported that finances were better than expected and in order to achieve a balanced budget, it will be necessary to close the remaining gap of £104,000 before figures are finalised in February 2023.</p> <p>Councillor Neal, lead member for the Budget Panel reported that they have held their last meeting for the financial year however he will keep in touch with the Head of Finance and Revenues.</p>	
Enforcement Panel	Councillor Burley	<p>Councillor Burley had met with the Head of Innovation and Strategy and the Head of Planning and Building to discuss how to take the review forward with the resources available. He anticipates having a first meeting with the panel in July to consider how to undertake the review within the provisions of the scope with the review starting formally in September. Members currently are Councillors Brooks, C Dowden, Parker and Warnes.</p> <p>Councillor Burley had emailed an update to the Chairman. The panel has met to look at how to take the review forward and had agreed a programme. The next meeting will look at the legislative framework for enforcement</p> <p>The Head of Planning and Building had given an interesting and in-depth presentation to the panel. The next meeting will be in November.</p>	April 2023

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		<p>The panel recently met and the focus was to explore the performance of the planning enforcement function. There has been a lot of information and advice on how the Council has to work within legislation and this needs to be explained to residents</p> <p>The Lead Member will meet with the Head of Strategy and Innovation to discuss the next stage. The topic will feature at the next meeting of the Test Valley Association of Town and Parish Councils.</p> <p>Councillor Burley informed the committee that the Head of Strategy and Innovation will arrange a meeting with the new Head of Planning and Building in a few weeks. A workshop has been held with the Test Valley Association of Town and Parish Councils at their Annual Conference which proved very informative.</p> <p>Councillor Burley reported that there had been a significant delay in the panel due to the departure of the Head of Planning and Building and the start of the new one. He had met with the new Head of Planning and Building, the Head of Strategy and Innovation and the Democratic Services Officer to discuss the next meeting. The Head of Strategy and Innovation held a session with the Test Valley Association of Town and Parish Councils and will circulate a copy of the questions asked at the meeting. The next meeting will be held on 24 January 2023 in Conference Room 3 at 5.30pm. It is anticipated that the panel's final report will be considered at the meeting in April 2023.</p> <p>Councillor Burley, lead member for the Enforcement Panel reported that a meeting had been held on 24 January 2023 to refresh what had been previously discussed. The panel refined the findings and recommendations and discussed public engagement. A survey has been produced and circulated to those Agents who had given their consent. The survey closes at noon on 13 March. The next meeting will be held on 20 March 2023.</p>	
Communications Panel	Councillor Brooks	Completed	1 March 2023