Scoping Form

Test Valley Borough Council Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Panel Reviews - Scoping Template

1	Corporate Priority/Service Area (may be more than one)			
	Andover Regeneration			
2	Lead Member(s)/Chairman of Panel			
	Cllr Neil Gwynne			
	Panel members It is anticipated the Panel comprises of 7 councillors, (the Chair plus 6 panel members) from Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Ideally there will be 3 councillors from North of the Borough, 3 from South of the Borough. OSCOM may wish to consider inviting councillors involved in Andover Vision/Romsey Future to join the panel members in discussions where appropriate and proportionate to do so. All invitations to be issued if/when this scoping document is approved by OSCOM.			
	Panel members	North	South	
3	Portfolio Holder(s)			
	Cllr P North, Cllr N Adams-King			
4	Rey Areas of Focus Past, present and future of the regeneration programme. The focus will be on the Andover programme given its greater complexity, cost, resource demand and duration. But reference will also be made to the Romsey regeneration for purposes of comparison. An initial draft work programme is attached.			
5	What will be developed or reviewed?			
	 A health check on: How the regeneration programme got to its current position, and whether there are any key learning points from that. What the current situation is, and whether there are any additional actions on communications etc. warranted. 			

What the plans are going forwards, and how the council balances
the need to drive for regeneration vs the need to ensure sufficient
maintenance/improvement and vibrancy of the current town
centres. (A key example is how is the council working to increase
footfall in Andover town centre in order to make it easier to attract
developer investment – and to do so BEFORE the latter stages of
the Masterplan are implemented).

This 'health check' to also propose at what point/milestone should a further health check be undertaken by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

6 Rationale – Why now/why at all?

Regeneration is a key deliverable for the Council and is therefore taking up a lot of thought, time and money from both officers and councillors. It's successful final delivery – and just as importantly for a change programme of this magnitude, the transition period between now and completion – will have major impact on Andover and its residents. Periodically throughout that change programme, therefore, it warrants a different perspective to be taken. Cabinet will be heavily involved in decisions about, and updates from, regeneration. OSCOM periodically taking their own look at progress, and the options going forwards, is absolutely in line with what OSCOM is for. Particularly as decisions about regeneration will need to be made by the whole Council.

7 Anticipated Benefits

Both a wider and deeper understanding of regeneration amongst non-cabinet members – not only those on the panel, but also those who read the subsequent panel report.

Also feedback from the panel that may challenge and/or support assumptions/options agreed in cabinet. Whether it is a challenge or an expression of support, the aim will be to add value.

8 Resource Implications

This scoping document was created following discussions with officers including the Head of Planning Policy and Economic Development, the Head of Strategy and Innovation and the Regeneration Manager. . As and when this scoping document is approved, then the amount of officer time required will be assessed – but those earlier discussions did not anticipate an issue with resourcing the support to this panel, as it is described in this document.

9 Are there any Partner Organisations involved in the Project? If so, which?

Comparisons with other, relevant, regeneration programmes will be part of the process – but it is not intended that there are any partner organisations directly involved.

10 Will you require external partners to attend the Panel?

Potentially – dependent on whether sufficient information can be gathered about other regeneration schemes without such attendance.

11 Does the Project require Public Involvement?

Yes – to test the public understanding of the current state and plans. This will be done as much as possible (potentially exclusively) via attendance at Andover Vision/Romsey Future meetings. But the latter stages of the work programme (attached) include a possible additional meeting with representatives of the public.

NB If such a public meeting takes place, its purpose will be to address the extent to which Andover Vision can be an effective communication channel during the transition from now to the completion of the Andover Masterplan. Its purpose will not be to challenge the transition schedule itself.

How will the Project assist the achievement of a Corporate Priority or Priorities?

By increasing the number of councillors with a detailed understanding of regeneration. And by using their different, collective, perspective as a check on progress/options for this key Corporate Priority.

13 What do you want OSCOM to do now?

Approve the establishment of this panel.

ANNEX

WORK PROGRAMME FOR OSCOM PANEL ON ANDOVER REGENERATION – INITIAL DRAFT

TYPE OF ACTION	DETAIL	ОИТРИТ
Meeting Presentations	Launch meeting, to include review of this work programme. Plus an officer presentation on Andover and Romsey regeneration history/current plans (including phasing/transition). Presentation from Head of Finance and Revenues re funding of Andover regeneration – options considered, and	Any revisions to this work programme. Confirmed dates.
Observation Round table	agreed approach. Panel members to attend councillor meetings of both Romsey Future and Andover Vision. Immediately after each of which a Q&A round table to be held with Cllr N Adams- King and Cllr P North respectively.	Increased understanding of how these two bodies operate, and how they can/do act as comms channels re regeneration.
Observation	Panel members to attend stakeholder meetings of both Romsey Future and Andover Vision.	Increased understanding of similarities and differences between these two bodies.
Presentation	Officer presentation and – as appropriate – presentation from other councils, re regeneration programmes commenced/completed elsewhere.	Increased understanding of potential alternative approaches – as well as similarities.
Round table	Q&A round table session with portfolio holders nominated by the Leader of the Council, Cllr P North. Head of Finance and Revenues to also be present. Premise being "what if regeneration was not something that needed urgent attention – what other priorities would warrant investment in its place?"	Increased understanding of what the opportunity cost of regeneration is, in terms of what other possible investments may be being reduced or delayed.
Review	Panel members to review output to date	Preparation for SWOT Workshop
Public engagement workshop	This is a potential step, that will be decided upon following the presentation re other regeneration programmes (two steps earlier). Namely to gather input from selected individuals, businesses and organisation representatives – for them to provide panel members with their understanding, support for, and any concerns about the regeneration programme.	Additional input to the SWOT Workshop (below)
SWOT Workshop	Brainstorming session to create panel's SWOT analysis of the regeneration programme to date – with the focus being on the three bullet points in point 5 of the scoping form.	Documented SWOT analysis Agreement on when a further health check should happen
Draft report	Panel chair to create initial draft in conjunction with officers	Draft panel report
Finalise report	All panel members to review. Updated report to be submitted/presented to OSCOM for approval. If approved, report to be presented to full council by panel members.	Agreed panel report