

**Test Valley Borough Council Overview & Scrutiny Committee
Panel Reviews - Scoping Template**

1	<p>Corporate Priority/Service Area</p> <p>Communities People</p>
2	<p>Lead Member/ Chairman of Panel: Cllr Carl Borg-Neal</p> <p>Cllr Hamilton Cllr Burley Cllr Coole Cllr Donnelly Cllr Rowles</p>
3	<p>Portfolio Holder(s)</p> <p>Cllr Ward</p>
4	<p>Key Areas of Focus</p> <p>The Council first signed the Armed Forces Community Covenant in 2012. During this period the Council has worked closely with its military communities, forming new partnerships and ensuring an inclusive approach as part of its broader commitment to growing the potential of all of our communities in Test Valley. This review will be an opportunity to reflect on what has worked well and what opportunities there are in the future to continue to strengthen the strong partnerships between the council and the military community.</p>
5	<p>What will be developed or reviewed?</p> <p>The proposed review will focus on three key areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) How the council's strategic approach to community engagement guides its approach to engaging and working with military communities. 2) The current and future work undertaken by the Council as part of the commitments outlined in the armed forces covenant and a reflection on what has worked well and what could be done differently. 3) Review of best practice – what other local authorities do and how military partnerships have developed in other places.
6	<p>Rationale – Why now/why at all?</p> <p>The Council's new Corporate Plan, Growing Our Potential, is focused on how we can build upon the strengths of the Borough and its communities to improve the quality of life across Test Valley. Military personal and their families form an important part of our communities within Test Valley. Aligned to the Council's strategic approach to place-based working, this review will be an opportunity for the council to reflect on the work and partnerships it has formed over recent years within the spirit of the Armed Forces Covenant and to explore opportunities for how this can be developed further.</p>

7	<p>Anticipated Benefits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen relationships with our military partners • Provide the evidence-base for future development of the Armed Forces Covenant in Test Valley
8	<p>Resource Implications</p> <p>There are no direct resource implications</p>
9	<p>Are there any Partner Organisations involved in the Project? If so, which?</p> <p>As part of the review the Council will engage with its local military partners at Over Wallop and Army HQ. This will also include further engagement with covenant champions at 11 Brigade.</p>
10	<p>Does the Project require Public Involvement?</p> <p>Not initially</p>
11	<p>How will the Project assist the achievement of a Corporate Priority or Priorities?</p>
12	<p>What do you want OSCOM to do now?</p> <p>Endorse the proposed scope so that the lead member can work with officers to develop a forward plan for undertaking the review.</p>