



Away Day Proposals

Context

The Test Valley Partnership has committed to holding an Away Day in 2008 where Board Members can work together to address the needs of the Partnership in more detail.

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- The implications of new statutory guidance for Local Authorities supporting the delivery of the Strong, Safe and Prosperous Communities' agenda
- Following the refresh of the Community Plan in 2007, there is a renewed focus on enabling delivery to occur by partners working together under the umbrella of the Partnership.
- The recruitment of a new Partnership Manager to support the Partnership and coordinate activity
- A commitment to see a performance management system developed for the Partnership that supports a more effective approach to identifying priorities and tracking progress.

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The focus for the day

There are four areas of development that the day will focus on:

1. Strengthening the leadership and governance role of the Partnership
2. Developing a co-ordinated approach to community empowerment & involving other partners
3. Establishing a set of "joint areas of focus" for the Partnership and how each partner can support a focus on delivery
4. Identifying how the Test Valley Partnership can understand the impact it has on the borough and where progress is being made against the priorities.

Outcomes for the day

The main outcome of the day will be to establish:

- **A set of “joint areas of focus” for the Partnership, together by partners to drive forward the delivery based on evidence brought of the Community Plan.**

The following outcomes will also be achieved:

- **Agreement reached on where any areas of the current structure or governance arrangements of the Partnership need developing.**
- **Mapping of headline data from partners that demonstrates visually where key issues in Test Valley are occurring.**
- **Partners agree the level and style of performance information required at future Board meetings as part of delivering a fit for purpose performance management system for the Partnership.**
- **Partners agree how the priorities are to be championed.**

Delivering the Away Day

Between now and the away day the Partnership Manager will be undertaking a programme of work with partners and stakeholders on the four areas described above. It is anticipated that the away day will be the opportunity for the Board to tackle each area on the basis of initial recommendations from the Partnership Manager, taking on board any views from other stakeholders and drawing conclusions and setting the overall direction.

Partners will be asked to undertake some preparatory activity before the away day to ensure that the decisions made on the day are based on relevant and up to date information.

A venue will be identified once a date is agreed. It is proposed that the away day will be held towards the end of September/beginning of October in order to inform the October Board meeting. The day will run from 10am–3pm including lunch.