

## Test Valley Partnership Board – 25 April 2008

### Item 6: Brief Progress Updates

#### **Children & Young People**

(Verbal update)

#### **Hampshire Action Team** (update provided by Sian Campbell, HAT Coordinator)

Since February 2008 the HAT has developed and distributed over 100 questionnaires to young people in Test Valley asking them about opportunities for activities in Test Valley and what else they would like to see offered. We have made an extra effort to talk to those who do not often have the opportunity to participate in such studies and to date we have spoken to:

- Travellers
- Young people excluded from school
- Homeless young people
- People with learning difficulties

We have spoken to the Youth Fora, young people doing Duke of Edinburgh awards schemes and we are currently engaging with Army Cadets and Scout Troops. We have also distributed the questionnaire through parish newsletters. If you know of anybody who would be able to help us further please get in touch ([sian.campbell@hants.gov.uk](mailto:sian.campbell@hants.gov.uk)). We intend to hold a HAT meeting in the next few months to present the findings to partners and look at ways of making improvements where possible and appropriate.

At recent HAT meetings members have prioritised the 2<sup>nd</sup> tranche of the Village 30 speed limit project, scrutinised the rate of development of the Flexford Bridge, received updates on Town Centre Access Plans (Romsey and Andover), endorsed the Capital Programme and the Highways Maintenance Programme (Test Valley) for 08/09 and received presentations on the Andover Cycle Demonstration Town and No Cold Calling Zones. We invited all the District and Parish Councillors to our recent highways meeting and received excellent participation and feedback from both tiers. We intend to extend this approach to other meetings where appropriate.

#### **The Turnaround Project**

(Verbal update)

#### **Andover Vision**

(Verbal update)

#### **Romsey 2020** (Update provided by Christine Cole, Town Centre Manager, TVBC)

Romsey 2020 Committee members, led by the Chairman Rod Simpson, continue to meet regularly to develop ideas and opportunities for the benefit of the local community. The Romsey 'Vision' document, prepared by the Romsey 2020 Committee members, outlines the specific areas of interest following the Market Towns Health check process that was completed in 2006.

To date this year the Committee has:

- Hosted a Youth Conference on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2008 engaging with local school pupils to establish their views of Romsey now and in the future. Following the Youth Conference a draft report has been prepared detailing the findings and further youth projects are expected to be developed from this. This project has been a major piece of work and the final report will be circulated to Borough and Town Councillors, the Chamber of Commerce and other key players.
- Continued to lobby Stagecoach for the 'Save Our Bus Campaign'.
- Responded on outcomes on preferred development options within the Core Strategy – Abbotswood and sites south of Romsey.
- With support from Town Centre Management, introduced the shopping guide business listing into the new edition of the Romsey Town Guide. 10,000 copies scheduled to be printed in the summer.
- Developed links with Hope 08 and The Three Rivers Rail Partnership with potential to support improvements at Romsey Station. The Three Rivers Rail Partnership is looking for volunteer support.
- The opportunity to develop links with Hampshire Water Partnership and the youth of Romsey with young people possibly conducting the visitor survey on the day of the Water Festival. This will be held in Romsey on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August.

Further projects will be developed in due course.