



Minutes of the PARTNERSHIP BOARD held in the Council Chamber, Romsey at 9.30am on Friday 23 January 2009

Attendees:

Name	Organisation
Janet Blann (Chair)	Test Valley Community Services (TVCS) Chairman Test Valley Partnership
Cllr. Ian Carr	Leader, TVBC
Carol Rooke	Victim Support Hampshire and IOW
Lt. Colonel Charles Milner Williams	Chairman Thruxton PC
Roger Tetstall	Chief Executive, TVBC
Chief Supt. Richard Rowland	Hampshire Police
James Moody	Test Valley Partnership Manager, Test Valley Borough Council (TVBC)
Lt Col Philip Everitt	DE&S Andover
Chief Supt. Richard Rowland	Hampshire Police
Sian Campbell	Hampshire County Council – HAT Co-ordinator
Cllr. Sandra Hawke	TVBC
Rob Carroll	Hampshire Primary Care Trust
Jason Avery	Hants Fire Service
Rev Derek Overfield	BANHIM
Lynn Penny	HCC – Children's Services
Mollie Antrobus	TVCS
Debbie Pike	Testway Housing
Bernard Sully	Director, TVBC
Garry Tallett	Community Safety Manager, TVBC
Graham Smith	Planning Policy, TVBC
Madeline Edmonds	Test Valley Arts Foundation

Apologies from:

Tim Jackson	Andover College
Christine Jackson	Hampshire Primary Care Trust
John Harrocks	North Hampshire, Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Cllr. Roy Perry	Hampshire County Council (HCC)

Item 1	<u>Review of Actions agreed at July Board Meeting</u>	
Actions from the previous meeting		Progress
Parish Plans		
Janet updated that 3 Parish Plans were currently being developed and that the Community Development Action Group (CDAG) would be supporting their development. When Parish Plans are completed they will be sent to the Board to be endorsed.		Ongoing
Building a Sustainable Test Valley		
TVBC are currently finalising their Sustainability strategy. It is expected that this will be completed during March 09. Once the strategy has been approved by Cabinet then the Board will be asked to endorse the strategy and identify areas where partners can work together towards building a more sustainable Test Valley.		For the Partnership to endorse at April Board Meeting

Item 2	Joint Areas of Focus & Feedback from the Partnership Away Day	
Purpose	Seeking Board approval of the Joint Areas of Focus (JAF), the proposed roll out of the JAFs and performance management framework	
Key points arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A single set of cross cutting JAFs will enable the Partnership to co-ordinate its activity effectively, be consistent in its overall approach and enable the Partnership to be able to better demonstrate the impact it is having in meeting the challenges in Test Valley. There are 14 proposed JAFs for the Partnership • Roll out of the JAFs will include bringing representatives from each of the Action Groups together through a series of Workshops to enable a set of core actions for each of the JAFs to be agreed. A key to success will be to identify where action groups can work together in delivering joint actions. The workshops will take place during February and March. • The proposed performance system has been developed to enable the Partnership to not only monitor its progress but to be able to identify where issues need to be tackled if progress against the JAFs is being restricted. The features of the performance framework will involve a quarterly report to the Board which will score progress of actions, levels of partner engagement and an identification of key risks. • (RC) requested that under the Teenage Pregnancy JAF, links be made with both education and leisure and culture. (RR) made Board members aware that in future it is likely the key national indicator relating to community safety will be NI 21: "Dealing with local communities concerns about anti social behaviour and crime issues" 	
Decision	Contact	
The Test Valley Partnership Board approved the Joint Areas of Focus for the Partnership and agreed the proposed performance framework.	JM	

Item 3	Current Economic Climate	
Purpose	An initial discussion on the impact of the current economic climate on service providers and communities in Test Valley.	
Key points arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Gleave (TVBC Economic Development Officer) briefed the Board on some of the current economic issues facing Test Valley in light of the recession. It was reported that the current recession was far reaching and was not sector specific. • There are currently no statistics on rural areas and the impact of the downturn, at present there are only figures on unemployment and numbers of businesses premises currently vacant. Unemployment has doubled recently and potentially the impact could be felt for up to 9 years. • (JB) provided some recent statistics from Citizens Advice which compared enquiry levels in recent months from 2008 to those in 2007. There has been a significant increase in employment enquiries and during the month of January, 14 food vouchers have been distributed. • (DP) reported that Testway are engaging with other providers across the south east regarding the risk that only affordable housing units may be built and the potential impact this may have on building cohesive communities. There is also a slow creep in rent arrears. • (JA) commented that although the Fire Service had not yet seen any direct impact of the economic downturn, they are expecting to see an increase in the number of car fires and secondary fires. To tackle this closer working with the ACSO's in neighbourhoods will be undertaken to help target hotspots. • (RR) commented that there has been an increase in both shoplifting and burglary and that the CDRP is currently monitoring this trend. • Following a recommendation from the Education Action Group it proposed that the Partnership hosts a conference to promote closer working among partner organisations to help those being affected by the recession. 	
Action points	That the Partnership hosts a conference in April 2009 which looks at the current economic issues and support available.	Contact
		DG

Item 4	Major Development Areas	
Purpose	An update on the recent Core Strategy consultation and discussion on implications of the MDA on wider services.	
Key points arising	<p>Core Strategy Consultation – Development next 20 years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1000 people attended the recent Exhibitions and TVBC received 700 comments as part of the consultation process. The Core Strategy will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in April and be reported back from the inspector in December 09. Each action group has been briefed on the proposals. 	

	<p>Major Development Areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are 2 sites in Andover, Picket 20 (1200 new homes) and East Anton (2500 new homes). • Currently there are 2 applications for planning permission at Picket 20 for a total of 258 houses of which 105 will be affordable units. • Work is underway at East Anton with permission granted for 386 houses of which 150 will be affordable. 52 have been pre-sold to the MOD. A further application has been submitted for 188 dwellings of which 78 will be affordable. • Further reports will be given to the Action groups and as the MDA programme develops there will be opportunities for the Partnership to become involved in the development of the new communities.
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Item 5	Test Valley Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership
Purpose	To update the Partnership on the progress to restructure the CDRP in line with government guidelines and to seek endorsement of the proposal to bring the CDRP under the senior management of the LSP.
Key points arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (GT) briefed the board on proposals to restructure the CDRP in line with government guidelines and to ensure more effective partnership working in Test Valley. To manage crime and disorder issues effectively requires a greater link with other theme areas such as health and wellbeing, leisure and culture and the economy. • By reviewing the current membership of the CDRP to better clarify its links to the LSP Board will not only reduce the number of meetings but will provide a more efficient method for managing this work and enabling partners to tackle the core issues. • Future meetings of the CDRP will be made up of a core group known as the 5 responsible authorities (Police, Borough and County Council, Fire, PCT and key Parish and District council members) and where issues need unblocking, that cannot be dealt with at a middle manager level or a wider stakeholder involvement is required, then they will be escalated to the LSP Board for consideration. • (GT) set out how the delivery arm of the CDRP will work including the local Partnership Action Teams and the Joint Action Group. Here partners will work together within a local delivery setting. • Concerns were raised as to whether the new structure would restrict wider partner involvement in tackling issues of crime and disorder. However, a number of partners also felt that with the opportunity for the LSP Board to be able to better hold the CDRP to account, and the process being more streamlined that partner engagement within

	<p>crime and disorder issues may actually increase as a result.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board felt that on balance it was worth trialling this new approach to see if it would provide a more streamlined approach to partnership working in Test Valley and to monitor the impact this change is having.
Decision:	
The Partnership Board agreed to trialling the proposed new arrangements.	

Item 6	Test Valley Children & Young People's Plan	
Purpose	Presentation of the proposed Children & Young People's plan for Test Valley and seeking the Board's endorsement of it.	
Key points arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (LP) introduced the item by setting out that a Children and Young people's plan in Test Valley was needed to set out some of the core actions to be undertaken by partners in improving the outcomes for Children and Young People. The Children and Young People's Steering Group has been given a commissioning function by HCC Children's Services. To be in line with recent government guidance each district Children and Young People's Partnership has been asked to look at existing local arrangements for partnership working to ensure an integrated model can be developed. The Children and Young People's Plan for Test Valley has been developed by working with local partners, parents and children and young people. The Plan is currently out for consultation and a recent stakeholder event was held at Longstock Village Hall. (MA) took partners through a brief presentation highlighting the 6 key priority areas of the Plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vulnerable Children and Young People Be Healthy Stay Safe Enjoy and Achieve Making a Positive Contribution Achieving Economic Well-being The Consultation period ended on the 30th January and will be followed up by an action planning day to be hosted by the Test Valley Hampshire Action Team on Thursday 5th March at Sparsholt College. Partners were keen to ensure that there is alignment with the JAFs so as to avoid duplication and that there should be greater elected member involvement with the Children and Young People's Group. 	
Action points		
The Board endorsed the CYPP process and plan Board Members to be invited to the Action Planning Day on 5 th March		LP / MA SC

Item 7	Army Land HQ	
Purpose	A presentation to brief the Partnership on the forthcoming changes to the Andover site and the potential implications this may have for Partners.	
Key points arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lt Col Phil Everitt briefed the Partnership on Project Hyperion which will see the development of the current DE&S site in Andover to become the Headquarters of the Land Army. • The project will see the number of staff on the base increase to 2300 with a significant growth in the number of military personal rather than the current levels of civilian personnel. • Changes to the site will include the demolishing of old buildings and development of new accommodation blocks for Officers. As more of the military personal re-locate to the site this will require additional housing. • There will be no additional health care facilities provided on the site as these will be provided through Tidworth and Middle Wallop Camps. • It is likely that the development of the site will include a new conference centre. (RT) asked if this was likely to be available for civilian use. (PE) couldn't see why this would be an issue as it would bring additional facilities to Andover. 	
Action points		
The Fire Service to make contact with the Andover site to discuss provision of home safety advice and the possibility of being able to use the demolished buildings for training purposes.		JA / PE

Item 8	Funding Applications	
Purpose	For the Board to endorse two funding applications to Hampshire County Council for support towards the Test Valley Partnership and Andover Vision. Update on Test Valley Partnership funding application to PtP grant fund and Partnership Development Needs for 2009	
Key points arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding applications to HCC are towards support for the cost of the Test Valley Partnership Manager and Andover Vision Manager. • £4000 of development funding has been awarded to the Partnership from the Progress through Partnership scheme. This will support the delivery of the Partnerships development needs for 2009. This will include: 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work on internal communication and developing the website • A Community engagement workshop which will encourage partners in Test Valley to consider how they can join up approaches under the new Duty to involve.
Decision:	Contact
Funding applications endorsed by the Board	BS

Item 9	Process for electing the Chair of the Test Valley Partnership	
Purpose	To outline the process for electing the Chair	
Key points arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bi-annual Chairmanship – end of 1st term in June 2009 • Chair and Vice Chair must be a Board Member and can only be nominated and elected by Board Members • Nomination forms will be sent out shortly so that the matter can be concluded by the April Board meeting and reported to the AGM in June. 	
Action points		
Nominations Forms to go out in April		JM / BS

Item 10	AOB	
PUSH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Sandra Hawke – £612,000 from the Government through PUSH for local authorities to improve privately owned properties. Grants will be distributed in the form of loans. 	
Fire Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jason Avery – Group Managers are now required to produce a new 3 year plan. This is currently being written for Test Valley and will be available in April and circulated to Board members. 	
St Mary's Chapel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Arts Chapel Project is going ahead. It is a community project to help young artists and assist in their careers. 	
Next Meeting	Friday 24 April 2009 - Guildhall, Andover at 9.30am	