

Your Test Valley

Joint Areas of Focus

2009 - 2011



Test Valley
PARTNERSHIP

Introduction

In 2007 the Community Plan “Your Test Valley” was reviewed and updated. The plan is based on eight themes that residents told us were most important in terms of the effect they have on the quality of life of local people.

The plan sets out the long term vision for Test Valley and demonstrates through a number of stated outcomes how we will know if the vision is being realised.

To achieve progress against the outcomes, partners through the Test Valley Partnership have identified a number of “Joint Areas of Focus” (JAF). A Joint Area of Focus is created by agreeing what are the current barriers in Test Valley which are stopping us from achieving the outcomes in the community plan. The Joint Areas of Focus are about issues currently affecting the area and are those that require a partnership approach in the short to medium term. The effect of tackling them at this time will directly contribute to the Partnership meeting the longer term outcomes it has set itself on behalf of residents.

The JAFs will form the basis of the Action Plans developed by each of the 8 theme groups and set the overall the direction the Partnership is moving in.

Building the Joint Areas of Focus

A Joint Area of focus brings together key strategies and priorities and balances them with the needs of Test Valley. Each JAF is built on the basis of data and information which sets out clearly why this is a Test Valley issue. As part of this the JAFs then bring together the priorities of partners and key drivers such as the Local Area Agreement, the Local Development Framework and the National Indicator set. The JAFs are not there to add an additional layer of targets or reporting, their role is to provide the vehicle in which partners can align priorities and work collaboratively on joint issues.

The cross cutting role of the JAFs

No one issue can be dealt within a single themed box and the JAFs reflect this challenge. Whether it is a community safety issue or health issue initially, in order for sustainable solutions to be identified cross working and ownership of the JAFs throughout the 8 theme groups is essential.

Appendix 1 demonstrates visually how the JAFs fit together which will be reflected in the action plans of the partnership.

In Test Valley there are 3 other drivers which are important to relate to. These are Children and Young People, Older People and the Andover Vision. The JAF's in a similar way to how they will impact on the longer term outcomes of the Community Plan will by their very nature contribute to the agendas of the 3 drivers listed above.

The Test Valley Partnership Joint Areas of Focus

- JAF 1** Domestic Abuse
- JAF 2** Alcohol
- JAF 3** Anti Social Behaviour
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- JAF 12** Support Businesses, Organisations and Communities in Test Valley to act sustainably and to reduce their carbon emissions.
- JAF 13** Supporting the development of the Rural Economy
- JAF 14** Identify innovative solutions so that vulnerable and isolated groups can access key services

JAF 1: Domestic Abuse

Community Plan Theme: Community Safety	JAF Owner Group: Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership
Community Plan Theme: Health & Wellbeing	JAF links with: Test Valley Health & Wellbeing Partnership

JAF 1: Domestic Abuse	
Description of JAF	<p>Whatever form it takes, domestic abuse is rarely a one off incident. More usually it's a pattern of abusive and controlling behaviour through which the abuser seeks power over their victim. Domestic abuse occurs across society, regardless of age, gender, race, sexuality, wealth and geography. The figures show, however, that it consists mainly of violence by men against women.</p> <p>The victims of domestic abuse suffer on many levels as it can often have far reaching implications on other issues associated with health, housing and education.</p>
Key Issues in Test Valley	<p>Domestic violence and rape are highly unreported crimes.</p> <p>Reporting in Test Valley has increased over the last 12 months meaning that domestic abuse has increased by 101 cases from 1157 to 1258</p> <p>Despite increased reporting partners are keen to see a reduction in repeat reports and where violence has occurred</p>
Available Data	Annual Strategic Assessment
Performance indicators	<p>Headline Indicator for Test Valley Partnership Board:</p> <p>NI 32: Domestic violence victimisation – the percentage reduction in repeat victimisation for those domestic violence cases being managed by a Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Tactical indicators which “add value” to headline indicator and to be used by the CDRP:</p> <p>NI 18: Adult re-offending rate – the rate of proven re-offending of all offenders on the probation caseload during the quarter.</p> <p>NI 28: Serious knife crime – Covers threats and attempts to injure in addition to actual stabbings</p>
Local Area Agreement Targets	Domestic Abuse is a target area within the Hampshire LAA – progress will be measured against NI 32 and targets are currently being agreed with the Home Office

JAF 2: Alcohol

Community Plan Theme: Community Safety	JAF Co Owner Group: Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership
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Community Plan Theme: Health & Wellbeing	JAF Co Owner Group: Test Valley Health & Wellbeing Partnership
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Community Plan theme: Education & Lifelong Learning	JAF links with: Test Valley Community Learning Partnership
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Community Plan Theme: Leisure & Culture	JAF links with: Leisure and Culture Group
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JAF 2: Alcohol	
Description	<p>Alcohol is a cross cutting issue that runs through many of the community plan themes as it impacts on a number of public and voluntary sector services and can have a major affect on local communities.</p> <p>Alcohol related violence is one of the key drivers for crime and offending in Test Valley and it is estimated that around 52% of children and young people drink alcohol.</p> <p>The Annual public health report, the sustainable community strategy for Hampshire and the Test Valley Community safety Strategic Assessment all highlight Alcohol as a key area for focus. Tackling alcohol requires a multi agency approach in order to slow the rate of impact on individuals and communities.</p>
Key Issues in Test Valley	<p>More people in Test Valley see alcohol fuelled anti social behaviour as a major problem</p> <p>It is estimated that 52% of children and young people aged 11-18 drink alcohol</p> <p>Links between alcohol use and anti social behaviour and criminal damage are well evidenced locally. In 2006-07 of 1705 incidents of violence against the person, 801 were estimated to be alcohol related.</p> <p>Evidence at national level indicates causal links between alcohol use and violent crime, though the limited evidence locally suggests that it is the victims, rather than the perpetrators, who are most likely to be under the influence of alcohol</p>
Available Data	<p>Test Valley Community Safety Annual Strategic Assessment</p> <p>Hampshire Public Health Report 2007</p> <p>Joint Strategic Needs Analysis</p>

<p>Performance indicators</p>	<p>Headline Indicator for Test Valley Partnership Board:</p> <p>NI 41: Perception of drunk and rowdy behaviour – a national and APACS indicator which through licensing decisions, environmental design and public awareness campaigns contributes to reducing the problems arising from drunk and rowdy behaviour</p> <p>Local Indicator F4: Rate of hospital admissions per 100,000 for alcohol related harm – this indicator measures admission rates classified as ordinary or day cases.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Tactical indicators which “add value” to headline indicator and to be used by the CDRP:</p> <p>NI 38: Drug related (class a) offending rate – this national and APACS indicator that aims to measure and drive partnership performance to drug misuse as a key driver of crime and offending</p> <p>NI 20: Number of assaults with less serious injury – this indicator will measure alcohol related offences, however, it is acknowledged that it will include a portion of offences which have no alcohol element. Reduction will also be measured in line with Hants Constabulary 5% reduction target.</p>
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JAF 3: Anti Social Behaviour

Community Plan Theme: Community Safety	JAF Owner Group: Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership
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Community Plan Theme: Leisure & Culture	JAF links with: Leisure and Culture Group
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JAF 3: Anti Social Behaviour	
Description	In recent years worrying trends have come together to confront the borough with a new and serious problem that requires urgent action. Anti – social behaviour in the public place, criminal damage, arson and victim intimidation and harassment have increased over the last couple of years.
Key Issues in Test Valley	<p>Criminal damage is becoming a significant problem in Test Valley – working with young people is crucial to reduce the current level of criminal damage and arson.</p> <p>Adults are also responsible for high levels of ASB</p>
Available Data	Annual Strategic Assessment
Performance indicators	<p>Headline Indicator for Test Valley Partnership Board:</p> <p>NI 45: Young offenders engagement in suitable education, employment or training – indications are that young offenders’ engagement in education, training and employment is a key protective factor against re-offending, and a key outcome for young people itself. This indicator measures the proportion of young offenders who are actively engaged in education, training or employment.</p> <p>NI 33: The reduction of deliberate, primary and secondary fires</p> <p>NI 17: Perceptions of ASB - this indicator will measure data collected through the new Place Survey and through the British Crime Survey</p> <p>NI 21: Dealing with local concerns about anti social behaviour and crime issues by the local council – This is an indicator of people’s view about those issues which are important to their quality of life and will be measured through the Place Survey and British Crime Survey.</p> <p>JAF 3 will also be measured through reduction in recorded crime to Hampshire Constabulary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A reduction in reported ASB by 5% • A reduction in Motor Vehicle anti social behaviour by 5% • A reduction in Criminal Damage by 12%
Local Area Agreement Targets	<p>ASB is a target within Hampshire LAA the following reduction targets are county wide:</p> <p>Reduce Perceptions of ASB by 1.5%</p> <p>Deliberate Fires</p> <p>Reduce Criminal Damage by 12%</p> <p>Reduce Incidences of rowdy and inconsiderate behaviour by 5%</p>

JAF 4: Support more cohesive & resilient communities in targeted areas of Test Valley

Community Plan Theme: Local Communities

JAF Owner Group: Community Development Action Group

Community Plan Theme: Community Safety

JAF links with: Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership

JAF 4: Support more cohesive & resilient communities in targeted areas of Test Valley	
Description	<p>Test Valley has a diverse range of local communities; some are long established and have a strong sense of community with active community leaders. Others are less developed.</p> <p>Supporting more cohesive and resilient community's enables local people to tackle the issues they face in their area. By doing this generates a sense of ownership and enables a more sustainable approach to developing local communities and services.</p> <p>Perception of how safe people feel remains disproportionate to the reality, and Test Valley is no different as people's perceptions are driven both by what they see locally and what they see and hear nationally. Communicating with the local community about the action taken to tackle the problems they are facing is vital.</p>
Key Issues in Test Valley	<p>Wards with relative deprivation are Alamein, St Mary's and North Baddesley where educational attainment, crime and income are all factors of deprivation.</p> <p>Test Valley ranks poorly when looking at the "Barriers to housing and services" aspect of the indices of multiple deprivation. This is as a result of the rural nature of the Borough where there are very small communities and housing is expensive.</p> <p>There is a slightly older demographic living in rural areas although 28% of the young people living in Test Valley also live in rural areas. Rural Isolation and access to services is a key issue for both of these groups.</p> <p>The Core Strategy highlights the importance of providing for the needs of the rural area.</p> <p>If some of our local communities do not have a sense of belonging then the efforts of agencies to make these areas safer becomes much harder. In some of the more deprived areas of Test Valley it appears that local people do not feel a strong sense of belonging and commitment and consequently there has been difficulty in engaging with residents. The focus will be to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support those communities with relatively high levels of deprivation • Develop stronger links and accessibility to services within rural communities • Support communities to tackle pockets of anti social behaviour and perceptions of fear of crime. • Volunteering
Available Data	<p>Test Valley Community Safety Annual Strategic Assessment IMD 2007</p>

<p>Performance indicators</p>	<p>Headline Indicator for Test Valley Partnership Board:</p> <p>NI 2: Perception of people who feel that they belong to their neighbourhood – this indicator measures community cohesion at a neighbourhood level and in relation to communities of place. Collection will be through the Place Survey</p> <p>NI 5: Overall / general satisfaction with local area – collected through the new Place Survey and will highlight issues of how residents feel about their local area</p> <p>NI 6: % of people surveyed who participate in formal regular volunteering</p> <p>Additional Indicators to be considered:</p> <p>NI 4: Percentage of people who feel they can influence decisions in their locality – this indicator measures accountability to local communities, collection is through the new Place Survey.</p>
<p>Local Area Agreement Targets</p>	<p>Strong Communities is a “theme” area of the Hampshire LAA. A target around “improving community engagement” links with this JAF and it will be monitored on a county wide basis through NI 6 (percentage of people participating in volunteering) and NI 4 (as described above). Targets will be set following the 2009 Place Survey results.</p>

JAF 5: Reduce the number of young people entering the criminal justice system

Community Plan Theme: Community Safety	JAF Owner Group: Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership
Community Plan Theme: Leisure & Culture	JAF links with: Leisure and Culture Group
Community Plan Theme: Local Communities	JAF links with: Community Development Action Group

JAF 5: Reduce the number of young people entering the criminal justice system	
Description	<p>As the focus in crime reduction moves away from volume crime reduction towards a focus on serious crime, there is a challenge to reduce the low level offending and anti social behaviour that affects communities.</p> <p>Young people are defined as being part of the youth justice system when they are subject of a reprimand, final warning or at a court disposal for those who go directly to court. This priority focuses on preventing young people from reaching those levels of intervention.</p>
Key Issues in Test Valley	<p>Over the last two years there has been an overall decrease in offences committed by young people -which we define as people under the age of 30.</p> <p>In line with national trends offenders in Test Valley tend to be male.</p> <p>Some age groups within the bracket of young people have increased offending activity while some have decreased. Currently in Test Valley there are more 11-14 year olds committing offences than last year</p>
Available Data	Annual Strategic Assessment
Performance indicators	<p>Headline Indicator for Test Valley Partnership Board:</p> <p>NI 30: Re-offending rate of prolific and priority offenders - this indicator measures the change in convictions for prolific and other priority offenders over a 12 month period.</p> <p>Additional Indicators to be considered:</p> <p>NI 17: Perceptions of ASB – this indicator will measure data collected through the new Place Survey.</p> <p>NI 22: Parents taking responsibility for the behaviour of their children – the focus on this indicator is on parental responsibility and will be measured through the new Place Survey.</p>
Local Area Agreement Targets	<p>Reducing the number of young people entering the criminal justice system is a key target within the LAA.</p> <p>Currently no target is in place but it is anticipated progress on this will be measured through NI 111: The number of 1st time entrants into the youth justice system for 10-17 yr olds</p>

JAF 6: Raising the educational attainment of children and young people in targeted areas of Test Valley

Community Plan theme: Education & Lifelong Learning	JAF Owner Group: Test Valley Community Learning Partnership
Community Plan Theme: Leisure & Culture	JAF links with: Leisure and Culture Group
Community Plan Theme: Local Communities	JAF links with: Community Development Action Group

JAF 6 : Raising the educational attainment of children and young people in targeted areas of Test Valley	
Description	<p>There are clear links between the levels of educational attainment and its impact on wider social outcomes such as, health, crime and social cohesion. Raising the educational attainment of children and young people can therefore have a positive impact across many of the community plan themes.</p> <p>Securing an increase in educational attainment is not just about schools, often the reasons for why a young person isn't achieving can be as a result of a number of external factors. Therefore, to improve the rates of educational attainment in areas where there are low levels requires a multi agency partnership approach.</p> <p>Whilst GCSE and A-level results provide a clear indication of the levels of attainment it is important as part of this focus that recognition is given where a young person has exceeded expectations. This can be captured through the "value added score" and reflects if they have achieved a higher grade than would have been expected, even if this grade is lower than the A-C bracket.</p>
Key Issues in Test Valley	<p>Overall Test Valley scores well on educational attainment when compared with the South East and England.</p> <p>The wards of Alamein, St Mary's, Harroway, North Baddesley and Winton rank relatively poorly in the Indices of Multiple deprivation for educational attainment. Predominately most of the wards displaying lower levels of attainment are in and around Andover although North Baddesley is located in the Romsey area. This is where focus is needed to raise attainment levels.</p> <p>In these wards a lower number of boys are achieving A* - G when compared to girls. There are higher levels of absenteeism in the wards demonstrating lower levels of educational attainment</p> <p>Data suggests that those wards demonstrating lower levels of educational attainment are also the same ones that score poorly on the overall indices of multiple deprivation which includes domains on Crime and Income.</p>

	<p>Test Valley is fortunate to have many successful businesses and much good practice in supporting links with schools. However, the picture varies across the borough.</p> <p>Two education business partnerships cover the borough and new initiatives are already making a difference (e.g. Andover Vision's Business Learning and the school business learning partnering agreement).</p>
Available Data	IMD 2007 – GCSE attainment / Contextual value added scores
Performance indicators	<p>NI 75: Achievement of 5 or more A*-C grades at GCSE including English and maths as % total number of pupils at the end of key stage 4</p> <p>NI 102: The achievement gap between pupils eligible for free school meals and their peers achieving the expected level at KS2 and 4</p> <p>NI 117: The % of 16-18yr olds who are not in education, employment or training (NEET)</p>
Local Area Agreement Targets	<p>Attainment in schools forms one of the statutory targets of the LAA and will be measured through NI:75</p> <p>Reducing the gap in achievements and life chances of most vulnerable children and young people measured through NI: 102 (young people identified as vulnerable includes those from areas of relative deprivation)</p>

JAF 7: Breaking down barriers to Adult and Community Learning opportunities in Test Valley

Community Plan theme: Education & Lifelong Learning

JAF Owner Group: Test Valley Community learning partnership


Community Plan Theme: Local Communities

JAF links with: Community Development Action Group

JAF 7 : Breaking down barriers Adult and Community Learning opportunities in Test Valley	
Description	<p>Supporting adults and families to learn and develop their skills through informal techniques within their communities can help embed a culture of learning and remove potential barriers to education and isolation suffered as a result.</p> <p>Learning of this nature is often the pre-cursor to entering accredited training as it provides encouragement to learn and removes the formalised aspect that accredited education can bring.</p> <p>There is a correlation between supporting parents to be interested in learning and the increased achievements of their child at school. Adult and community learning is about providing basic skills to support parents and their families in raising their attainment levels and ensuring education is accessible.</p>
Key Issues in Test Valley	<p>The wards of Alamein, St Mary's, Harroway, North Baddesley and Winton rank relatively poorly in the Indices of Multiple deprivation for educational attainment of children and young people.</p> <p>Predominately most of the wards displaying lower levels of attainment also have a higher percentage of working age adults with no or low qualifications.</p> <p>Data suggests that those wards demonstrating lower levels of educational attainment are also the same ones that score poorly on the overall indices of multiple deprivation which includes domains on Crime and Income.</p> <p>Current data suggests there are an assumed 6000 Test Valley residents with poor basic skills – more comprehensive data is to be made available for 2007/08.</p>
Available Data	IMD 2007
Performance indicators	Numbers of adult and community learning projects in Test Valley NI: 163, 164, 165
Local Area Agreement Targets	<p>Improving skills by raising basic skills is a target within the LAA. This focuses on adults achieving NVQ level 2 and above and will be measured through NI:163, 164, 165. The following targets relate to the “rural” area which includes Test Valley, Winchester & New Forest</p> <p>NVQ level 2 or higher - Yr 3 target: +4.5% NVQ level 3 or higher - Yr 3 target: + 3.0% NVQ level 4 or higher - Yr 3 target: +2.7%</p>

JAF 8: Major Development Areas in Test Valley (MDA)

Community Plan Theme: Local Communities	JAF Owner Group: Community Development Action Group
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Community Plan Theme: JAF to feature across all themes	
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JAF 8: Major Development Areas in Test Valley (MDA)	
Description	<p>The Borough is going to experience high levels of housing growth over the next 20 years with developments planned in and around both Andover and Romsey. The implications of these “major development areas” are significant not only in creating new communities but in relation to existing ones.</p> <p>It is therefore essential that partners consider the impact and service delivery implications in relation to the major development areas across Test Valley.</p>
Key Issues in Test Valley	<p>8,910 new homes will be built across Test Valley during the next 15 years 5000 will be in around Andover 3910 will be in the south of the borough Up to 40% of new houses in each settlement will be classed as affordable housing</p> <p>Affordable housing has been identified as a key issue within the core strategy</p> <p>Meeting Community development needs is a key objective of the Core Strategy – Core Strategy objective CSO 2</p> <p>Ensure that specific service issues arising from the Community Plan themes are all considered as the emerging communities develop. Partners will need to ensure services are designed and developed in partnership with local communities.</p> <p>Utilising the opportunities of new developments to tackle areas of relative deprivation particularly in Andover.</p>
Available Data	Local Development Framework – Core Strategy 2008
Performance indicators	<p>NI 4: Percentage of people who feel they are able to influence decisions affecting their local area.</p> <p>NI 155: Total supply of social rent housing and intermediate housing (low cost home ownership and intermediate rent).</p>
Local Area Agreement Targets	<p>The LAA has a theme area on “strong communities” which although not directly related to the MDA’s does set out targets for ensuring there is an improvement in community engagement. This will be monitored through NI 4:</p> <p>Affordable Housing is a major priority for Hampshire. The target for Hampshire is a 5% annual increase and will be monitored through NI 155</p>

JAF 9: Reducing Obesity in Test Valley

Community Plan Theme: Health & Wellbeing

JAF Owner Group: Test Valley Health & Wellbeing Partnership

Community Plan Theme: Leisure & Culture

JAF Links with: Leisure & culture Action group

JAF 9 : Reducing Obesity in Test Valley	
Description	<p>Obesity levels are rising and Test Valley along with 8 of the other 11 districts in Hampshire has a projected slightly higher than average prevalence of obesity than the national average. Obesity tends to be more common in areas of relative deprivation and there is a rise in general of overweight and obesity levels in children.</p> <p>Obesity reduces life expectancy on average by 9 years and is a major risk factor for coronary heart disease, stroke, diabetes osteoarthritis and contributes to some types of cancer.</p> <p>The challenge to tackling obesity is about multi agency partners identifying methods for encouraging lifestyle change amongst the public and to join up theme areas such as leisure, community development and health when developing new approaches.</p>
Key Issues in Test Valley	<p>Test Valley has a projected slightly higher than national average prevalence of obesity amongst adults</p> <p>There is a rising obesity trend amongst children</p> <p>Test Valley has 3 wards that are recorded as areas with relative deprivation, the wards of Alamein, St Mary's and North Baddesley. Although there is currently no data available at this level there is a supposition that obesity levels in these areas are likely to be more prevalent.</p>
Available Data	<p>Hampshire Public Health Report Joint Strategic Needs Assessment Active People survey – measuring participation in sporting activity</p>
Performance indicators	<p>NI 56: the percentage of children in year 6 who are obese as shown by the national child measurement programme – measurement will be taken during the school year and reported annually</p> <p>Local Indicator F3: the number of adults doing 30 minutes of activity five times a week – measured through a biannual Hampshire residents survey</p>
Local Area Agreement Targets	<p>Tackling childhood obesity is a target within the LAA. It will be measured through NI 56 and the following targets for Hampshire have been agreed:</p> <p>Baseline: 15.9% Year 1: 16.63% Year 2: 16.5% Year 3: 16.21%</p>

JAF 10: Reducing the rising trend of Teenage Pregnancy in Test Valley

Community Plan Theme: Health & Wellbeing	JAF Owner Group: Test Valley Health & Wellbeing Partnership
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Community Plan theme: Education & Lifelong Learning	JAF links with: Test Valley Community learning partnership
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JAF 10: Reducing the rising trend of Teenage Pregnancy in Test Valley	
Description	<p>Teenage pregnancy is an important health issue that can often be associated with adverse social consequences linked to possibilities of social exclusion, disadvantage and deprivation.</p> <p>Ensuring that young people are well supported through education and high quality services which are accessible regardless of where they live so that they can make informed decisions about relationships, sex, parenthood and sexual health.</p> <p>Tackling teenage pregnancy requires a multi agency approach which not only looks at the delivery of health services but some of the wider community issues facing local people as well.</p> <p>Test Valley has the 7th highest conception rate in Hampshire and based on the most recent figures (2003-05) the trend is continuing to rise.</p>
Key Issues in Test Valley	<p>Current under 18 conception rate per 1000 female population aged 15-17 in Test Valley is 32.0 which is slightly above the Hampshire average</p> <p>English National Average for 2003-05 was 41.6. Wards in the Borough which are above this rate are Alamein, Kings Somborne and Michelmersh, Over Wallop, St Mary's and Winton. St Mary's is by far the highest at over 90</p>
Available Data	<p>Office for National Statistics Annual Public Health Report Joint Strategic Needs Assessment</p>
Performance indicators	<p>NI 112: The change in the rate of under 18 conceptions per 1000 girls aged 15-17 years resident in the area for the current calendar year shown as a percentage of the 1998 rate.</p>
Local Area Agreement Targets	<p>Reducing the number of teenage pregnancies is a target within the LAA. Progress will be measured through NI 112.</p>

JAF 11: Reducing health inequalities in targeted areas of Test Valley and amongst vulnerable groups

Community Plan Theme: Health & Wellbeing	JAF Owner Group: Test Valley Health & Wellbeing Partnership
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Community Plan Theme: Local Communities	JAF links with: Community Development Action Group
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Community Plan Theme: Leisure & Culture	JAF links with: Leisure & Culture Action Group
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JAF 11: Reducing health inequalities in targeted areas of Test Valley and amongst vulnerable groups

Description	<p>Health inequalities can be one of the major challenges facing local communities. Often where there is a higher score of deprivation there are usually poorer levels of health.</p> <p>Rural deprivation can also lead to health inequalities as higher scores in this domain are usually associated with difficulties in accessing local services such as GP surgeries given the remote nature of some of our communities.</p> <p>Reducing health inequalities in targeted areas and amongst vulnerable groups focuses around life expectancy rates, smoking, physical activity and accessibility to local services. Although these issues relate to health many of them require a partnership approach in order to tackle some of the wider factors facing these communities.</p>
Key Issues in Test Valley	<p>2 lower super output areas in the Alamein ward and 1 in St Mary's fall into the lower quartile overall meaning that relative to the rest of Test Valley and England they are deprived in terms of health.</p> <p>The barriers to housing and services domain of IMD indicate that rural Test Valley falls into the lower quartile and therefore accessibility to local services is more difficult. Alongside this, a higher percentage of people who are over 65 live in these areas compared to the urban areas of the borough. In these areas the population is sparse in comparison to the urban areas.</p>
Available Data	<p>IMD 2007 Public Health Report 2007 Joint Strategic Needs Assessment</p>
Performance indicators	<p>Smoking targets Exercise rates Accessibility to services Fuel Poverty</p>
Local Area Agreement Targets	<p>Improve health and wellbeing whilst reducing inequalities between areas with high and low deprivation scores is a target within the LAA. Work will be focused on mortality, smoking and physical activity and led by the Hampshire Health and wellbeing partnership.</p> <p>Targets will be monitored through NI 120: All age all cause mortality LI F2: Smoking LI F3: Physical activity</p>

JAF 12: Support Businesses, Organisations and Communities in Test Valley to act sustainably and to reduce their carbon emissions

Community Plan Theme: The Local Economy	JAF Co Owner Group: Economic Development Action Group
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Community Plan Theme: The Environment	JAF Co Owner Group: Environment Action Group
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JAF 12: Support Businesses, Organisations and communities in Test Valley to act sustainably and to reduce their carbon emissions	
Description	Acting in a more sustainable way and subsequently reducing emissions will contribute to tackling the issues associated with climate change. Climate change will affect social, economic and environmental cohesion and have a number of wider health impacts. Businesses and public organisations have a leading role to play in reducing carbon emissions and developing more sustainable approaches both through the policies and practices they adopt but by also in shaping collaborative initiatives across the borough and supporting local communities to develop more sustainable practices.
Key Issues in Test Valley	<p>Promoting sustainable development forms a key policy within the Core Strategy</p> <p>A range of potential health impacts as a result of climate change have been identified by the Public Health Report 2007</p> <p>Meeting waste and CO2 targets requires local businesses and organisations to work together in setting and meeting targets.</p> <p>Current performance for waste recycled and composted in Test Valley for 2007/08 is 35.2%</p>
Available Data	DEFRA 2005 Calendar
Performance indicators	National Indicator 186: the % reduction in CO2 emissions in the local authority area.
Local Area Agreement Targets	<p>Mitigate the progress of climate change through reducing CO2 emissions and influencing wider behaviour. Target is to deliver a reduction of 10% by 2010. 7.1% is achievable through national measures and Hampshire has agreed 2.9% as a target for local measures.</p> <p>Baseline 2005: 7.2 tonnes of CO2 per capita in Hampshire</p>

JAF 13: Supporting the development of the rural economy

Community Plan Theme: The Local Economy	JAF Owner Group: Economic Development Action Group
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Community Plan Theme: Leisure & Culture	JAF Links with: Leisure & culture Action group
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JAF 13 : Supporting the development of the rural economy	
Description	Test Valley is a mainly rural borough with two main towns of Andover and Romsey. It is important that the local economy reflects this and whilst work is ongoing to develop the economy of Andover through the Andover Vision, it is important that the rural economy is supported to grow in order to ensure that all of Test Valley’s communities are sustainable and accessible.
Key Issues in Test Valley	<p>Tourism is a growing economy particularly in rural areas of Test Valley with new hotels, restaurants opening up in and around the Romsey area.</p> <p>Test Valley has a number of rural wards which score poorly on the “access to services and housing” domain of the indices of multiple deprivation.</p> <p>Rural Test Valley has the highest out commuting rate compared to Andover and the south of the borough in and around Romsey. It also has a smaller workforce and business base. The rural economy has to continue to diversify in response to changes in the agriculture sector with tourism having an important impact.</p>
Available Data	Test Valley: An Economic profile, Hampshire County Council 2006 Test Valley, Core Strategy
Performance indicators	
Local Area Agreement Targets	

JAF 14: Identify innovative solutions so that vulnerable and isolated groups can access key services and facilities.

Community Plan theme: Transport	JAF Owner Group: Transport Action group
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Community Plan theme: Local Communities	JAF also relates to: Community Development Action Group
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Community Plan theme: Health & Wellbeing	JAF links with: Health & Wellbeing Partnership
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JAF 14: Identify innovative solutions so that vulnerable and isolated groups can access key services.	
Description	Ensuring our more isolated communities and those that are vulnerable can access key services is essential to improving the quality of life for people in Test Valley. One of the key barriers to this is not having a range of transport solutions in place that can meet the needs of these communities. This is not necessarily looking for additional conventional transport provision but it is about understanding the needs of local communities and empowering them and the services they work with to identify innovative solutions which can overcome any transport barriers.
Key Issues in Test Valley	<p>Large areas of Test Valley are rural and as a result accessibility to key services for people within these communities is a real challenge. This is demonstrated in the lower IMD ranking for Test Valley in the “Barriers to housing and services” domain.</p> <p>Within the villages and the outskirts of the two main towns in Test Valley there are groups of vulnerable people who despite closer proximity to the towns face accessibility issues to local services as a result of limited transport.</p>
Available Data	Parish Plans Dial a ride statistics
Performance indicators	
Local Area Agreement Targets	<p>Accessibility forms a key target area within the LAA. Currently baselines and targets are being developed but will involve a form of perception score for each area using car availability, needs, frequency of required access and degree of difficulty to access services.</p> <p>Delivery will be undertaken with each district</p>

