

# Our six strategic 'SCHEME' priorities

## A NEW SET OF SCHEME PRIORITIES

In reviewing our priorities for the coming four years we have not made radical changes but have broadened a number of our priorities to reflect the wide-ranging role that the Borough Council plays in improving quality of life for all in Test Valley. This recognises the Council's part in the work of the Test Valley Partnership and the delivery of the new Community Strategy to which this Corporate Plan will make a significant contribution.

The revised priorities are based on:

- **An understanding** of what we have achieved so far.
- **Updated information** on the needs of Test Valley and issues affecting the area.
- **Feedback from consultation** with our Citizen's Panel, focus groups, and other engagement mechanisms.
- **Changes in national, regional and local policies** which may shape the priorities of the Council: E.g. The Local Government White Paper, Sustainable Communities, South East Plan, Local Development Framework, and Community Strategy.
- **The outcomes** from workshops involving Members and Management Team to identify key issues and proposals for the development of the new plan.

## OUR REVISED 'SCHEME' PRIORITIES ARE:

Creating **STRONGER** & Safer Communities  
 Improving **CULTURAL** Opportunities  
 Promoting **HEALTH** & Well-being  
 Protecting and Enhancing the **ENVIRONMENT**  
**MAXIMISING** Capacity and Impact  
 Enabling a Prosperous **ECONOMY**

# Chapter 3

**The following pages set out our plans for the next four years under each of our six strategic SCHEME priorities. Each section is set out under the following headings:**

## **OUR AIM:**

An overall statement of our long term goals. Our aim tries to express in a single sentence the kind of place we want for the people of Test Valley.

## **THE SITUATION NOW:**

Contextual information to set the scene in terms of where we are now and the future challenges that lie ahead.

## **THE OUTCOMES WE WANT TO ACHIEVE:**

These are the improvements that we want to focus on over the next four years and beyond; the key differences we want to make.

## **KEY ACTIONS PLANNED FOR 2007/8:**

These are key projects which are definitely committed for the coming year. They have been allocated resources through the budget process and carried through to individual service plans for 2007/8.

## **MEDIUM TERM PLANS:**

These are the projects which are envisaged over the medium term. They may be more aspirational in nature at this stage and may rely on future policy decisions either locally or nationally. They may also be dependent on securing appropriate funding for their delivery.

## **MEASURING SUCCESS:**

The key measures or indicators that we will use to monitor progress. The baseline and targets for these measures will be published in the Council's Annual Performance Report in June.