

The Corporate Plan in context

LINKS TO EXECUTIVE PORTFOLIOS AND COUNCIL SERVICES

The table below sets out the links between the SCHEME priorities and the services that contribute to the delivery of these priorities. The Service shown in bold signifies that the relevant Head of Service is the SCHEME Champion for that priority. The table also identifies the Member Champion (the relevant portfolio holder) for each priority.

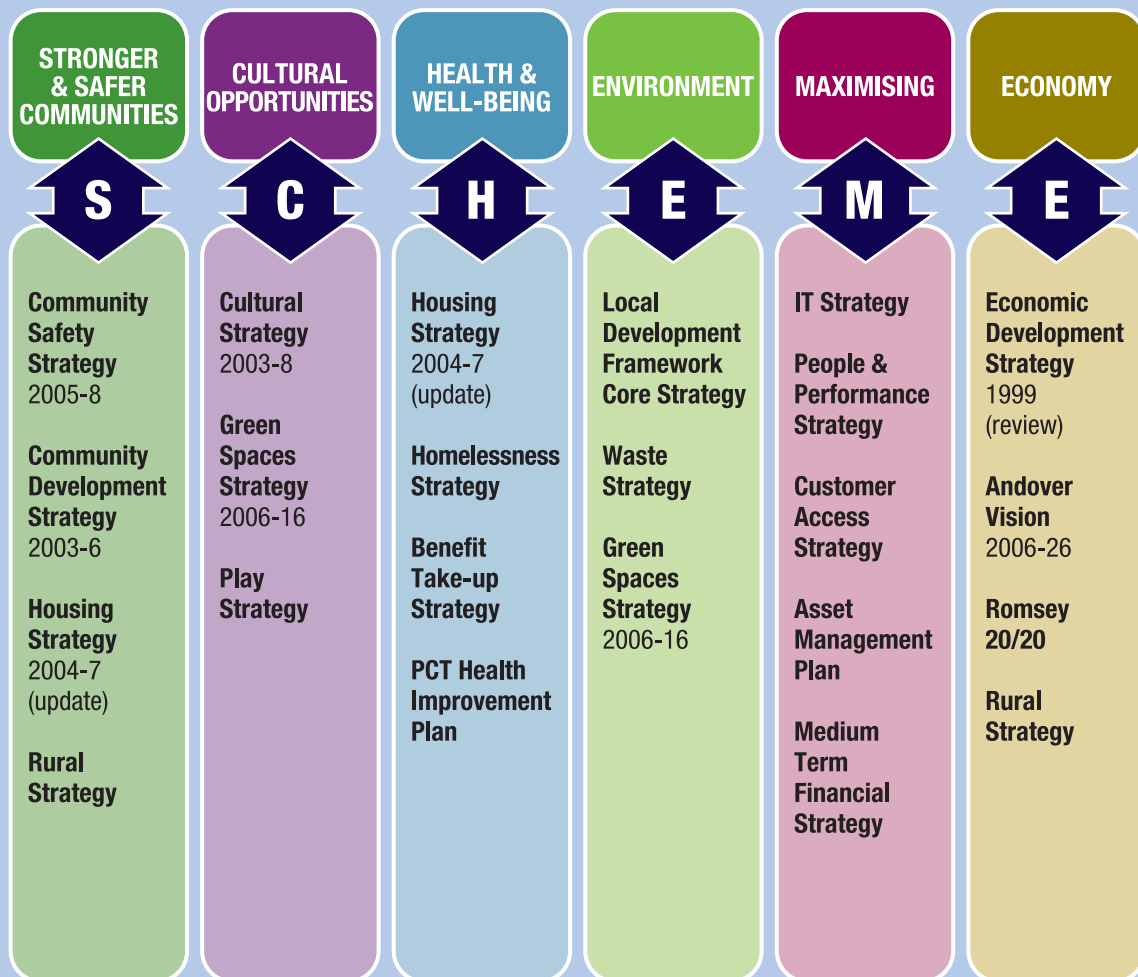
SCHEME Priority	Member Champion	Council Services which deliver the priority (SCHEME Champion in bold)
Creating Stronger & Safer Communities	Housing & Community Services Portfolio Holder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Housing & Community Services ■ Commercial Services ■ Environment & Health Service ■ Leisure ■ Planning
Improving Cultural Opportunities	Leisure & Culture Portfolio Holder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Leisure ■ Housing & Community Services ■ Planning ■ Commercial Services
Promoting Health & Well-being	Environment & Health Portfolio Holder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Environment & Health Service ■ Housing & Community Services ■ Leisure ■ Revenues
Protecting and Enhancing the Environment	Planning & Transport and Environment & Health Portfolio Holders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Planning ■ Commercial Services ■ Environment & Health Service ■ Leisure ■ Technical Services
Maximising Capacity and Impact	Corporate and Economic Portfolio Holders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Chief Executive's Office ■ Administration Service ■ Estates & Economic Development ■ Finance ■ Human Resources ■ I.T. ■ Legal ■ Revenues ■ Technical Services
Enabling a Prosperous Economy	Economic Portfolio Holder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Estates & Economic Development ■ Leisure ■ Planning

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STRATEGIC LINKS

The SCHEME priorities link to and reflect the separate thematic strategies of the Council, and the priorities in the Community Plan.

The following diagram shows how the separate strategies of the Council and our partners underpin the SCHEME priorities:



THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK (LDF)

The Local Development Framework (LDF) is a key set of documents which will replace the Local Plan, and will guide spatial and land use planning in the Borough over the long term. The LDF will be prepared over the coming months, as set out in the Local Development Scheme. A key planning document is the Core Strategy which will set out a spatial vision for Test Valley along with a series of strategic objectives. A set of core policies will also be contained in the Core Strategy which will guide future development in the Borough.

The draft strategic objectives which have been developed for consultation on the Core Strategy, align well with the outcomes in this Corporate Plan. The policies developed as part of the LDF will contribute to the delivery of a number of our priority outcomes, particularly in relation to the Environment.

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

Test Valley Partnership Community Plan

The Borough Council plays a lead role in the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) for Test Valley. Test Valley Partnership brings together a wide range of partners from public sector agencies, along with representatives from the voluntary and business sectors. The key purpose of the partnership is to build a shared understanding of the issues affecting the area, and formulate a long term strategy to improve quality of life.

The Community Plan is the partnership's long term strategic vision, which sets out under eight themes the community's priorities for Test Valley. The priorities in this Corporate Plan have been broadened and align more closely with those in the Community Plan. The delivery of the Council's Corporate Plan will play a significant role in contributing towards the long term delivery of the Community Plan.

Hampshire Local Area Agreement (LAA)

The Hampshire Local Area Agreement (LAA) is a 3 year agreement between partners in Hampshire and the Government, to improve lives and conditions in Hampshire communities. The Agreement has eight priority outcomes drawn from the Hampshire Community Strategy and the 11 District Community Strategies. The outcomes, indicators and targets are detailed in a shared three-year LAA Action Plan (April 2006 to April 2009). The LAA incorporates all LPSA2 targets.

The Council is a key partner in the delivery of a number of the outcomes of the LAA and in some instances has a lead role. Areas where the Council has a significant role are reflected within this Corporate Plan.

CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES

The Council works in partnership on a number of cross-cutting issues. These are themes which ‘cut across’ the Council’s priorities and services.

Children & Young People

The Council has a duty to work in partnership to improve outcomes for children and young people. The Government’s vision for children’s services, *Every Child Matters* was published in 2003. It is structured around 5 key outcomes for children and young people. These are:

- **Be healthy**
- **Stay safe**
- **Enjoy and achieve**
- **Make a positive contribution**
- **Achieve economic well-being**

The Hampshire Children’s & Young People’s Partnership has set out its priorities in the Hampshire Children & Young People’s Plan. The Borough Council has a significant role to play in contributing to the achievement of these outcomes directly through a number of its services, and by working in partnership through the LSP to develop a locality partnership and local plan for Children & Young People.

Older & Vulnerable People

The Council provides a number of services which support older and vulnerable people. The Council’s priorities in relation to Health & Well-being and Stronger & Safer Communities contain key actions to help improve quality of life for these groups.

The Council works in partnership to help deliver the Supporting People agenda and will play a key role in contributing to the development and local delivery of the Hampshire Older People’s Strategy.

Equalities & Diversity

The Council is committed to ensuring equality of opportunity for all. We recognise our obligations in relation to our statutory duties to promote equality, and acknowledge that removing barriers to services, information and employment is a key role of a modern, quality organisation.

As a service provider and an employer, the Council is committed to ensuring fair treatment and equal access to our services, to information and to employment: everyone can expect the same standards of treatment, regardless of their gender, disability, race, ethnic or national origin, age religion or belief, or sexual orientation. We have set out this commitment in an Equalities Scheme for Test Valley. The Scheme ensures that the Council has a coherent and strategic approach to equality issues. It will help the Council to recognise diversity and to focus efforts on delivering services that are appropriate and meet the needs of the community.

Sustainability

The sustainability agenda has increased in profile nationally and has been recognised by the Council as a key challenge over the lifetime of this plan and beyond. Four priorities for the UK have been set out in the UK Sustainable Development Strategy - *Securing the Future*, published in 2005. These are:

- **Sustainable consumption and production**
- **Climate change and energy**
- **Natural resource protection and environmental enhancement**
- **Sustainable communities.**

A key action for the Council in the coming year will be to develop a Sustainability Strategy for Test Valley which will set out our commitment to a sustainable Test Valley. This will provide the context for a series of action plans, building on findings from a Sustainability Audit which has been carried out by the Environment Centre.

A Sustainability Appraisal of this Corporate Plan has been carried out by officers within the Council. The Corporate Plan's six aims were tested against a series of sustainability objectives, using a framework based on regional guidance from South East England Regional Assembly (SEERA). The results of this appraisal indicated that the Corporate Plan is a balanced document which contributes to social, environmental and economic objectives.

NATIONAL AGENDAS

The Local Government White Paper

The Local Government White Paper: *Strong and Prosperous Communities* sets out the Government's 'new vision for local government'. It emphasises the importance of local government's role in 'place-shaping' and community leadership, and effective partnership working on cross-cutting issues. It also proposes greater neighbourhood engagement and more responsive services, giving people greater opportunities to influence local decision-making.