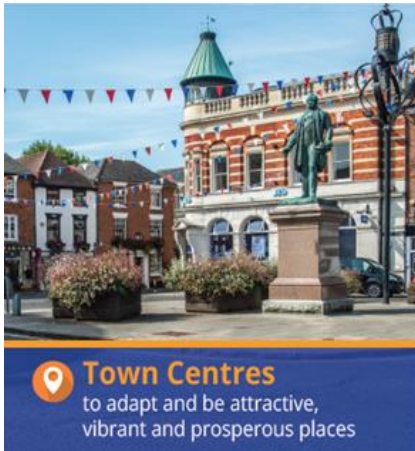


# Test Valley Borough Council's Corporate Plan 2019-2023

## Review of Corporate Action Plan – Year 3



Cllr Phil North

## Corporate Action Plan review



- The Corporate Action Plan (CAP) is the delivery document for the **Corporate Plan 2019-23: Growing Our Potential** and sets out the Council's key projects for the year.
- It sets direction and **provides a focus for activities and services**. As a result it **informs decision making and allocation of resources** across the Council.
- Each year a review is undertaken by Cabinet to update the CAP to ensure it continues to highlight the significant projects that the Council is taking forward in pursuit of its four corporate aims: **growing the potential of town centres, communities, people and the local environment**.
- This includes consideration of any **new projects**, any **completed projects** to be removed and updating the onward programmes of those **projects that will be retained on the action plan**.



## Town Centres



### Romsey

- Investigation work has commenced for **public realm improvements at Sterling Walk and Holbrook Stream.**
- Consultants have been commissioned to work up plans for the **re-provision of the Crosfield Hall.**
- Looking to the future, **detailed feasibility work will commence** for the bus station site



### Andover

- Prepared an **£18m bid to the Government's Levelling Up Fund** that, if successful, will drive forward the Andover Town Centre Masterplan.
- A **feasibility study has been commissioned on delivering the Masterplan**. This will help inform the phasing, process and cost attached to bringing forward the proposals set out in the Masterplan.
- Work is also underway on **a suite of design guides** that will set out the framework for what the Council will expect our town centre to look like.
- As part of the Andover Town Centre Masterplan, we have commissioned HemingwayDesign and their partners, CTConsults, to create **a new place brand for the town** that will bring to life all of the really positive things that come to mind when we think about Andover and help us to define how we want the town to develop and be perceived.
- **The refurbishment and restoration of the Grade II\* listed Guildhall** has been completed, returning the building to its former glory as it served as the focal point for the borough's Platinum Jubilee celebrations.



## Communities



- We undertook the **Regulation 18 Stage 1 consultation for the draft Local Plan 2040**. Having closed to submissions in April, work is now underway to analyse the responses received.
- We established a programme of **wrap around onsite support for Afghan families** evacuated through the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy (ARAP) scheme and Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme (ACRS), following the fall of Kabul. Since September last year we have **supported 60 evacuees through these schemes**.
- We worked with our voluntary and statutory partners to coordinate community-based support for several hundred refugees arriving through the **Homes for Ukraine scheme**, as well as the sponsors hosting them.
- We have undertaken a fundamental **review of the revenue funding** that we provide to charity and voluntary organisations across the borough, paving the way for a more modern, accessible programme which will do more to **support the sustainability and growth of the voluntary sector**. Up to 2025, we will provide £1.2m to support the work of a number of voluntary and charity organisations.
- In 2021/22, **18 awards were made from the Community Asset Funding, totally £284,666**. Organisations across the borough received funding including Freedom Church in Romsey, Vernham Dean Parish Council, The Plough Inn in Longparish, and Andover Trees United.



## Communities



- A new **adventure golf** course at Charlton Leisure Centre was opened, an investment of £350k by the Council, and the **Charlton athletics track was totally refurbished** at a cost of £250k.
- We've installed the **Newt Route, an interactive public art trail around Abbotswood that consists of 14 unique way markers and 2 sculptures**. Celebrating the area's natural environment and heritage, the art was designed in collaboration with the local community.
- The Council continued to support the work of the borough's two community partnerships, **Andover Vision** and **Romsey Future**.
- In Romsey, the Council worked with other stakeholders as the partnership launched its **refreshed Vision document** that will guide its work for the years ahead.
- Meanwhile in Andover, the partnership saw the completion and **opening of the Town Mills Riverside Park**. In addition, significant work is taking place with health and voluntary and community sector partners through the Vision to **support better health** through the healthy communities project.
- There has been significant work undertaken to prepare for the **opening of Ganger Farm** to the public. This work has allowed a provisional opening date for the site to be set in September.



## People



- The Council exceeded its affordable housing target for the eighth year in a row. **408** units of affordable housing were delivered in 2021/22 exceeding target by just over **100%**.
- In 2021/22, **27 Business Incentive grants** were paid out to the value of **£20,250** and **16 Independent Retailer grants** were paid out to the value of **£7,500**. The number and amount of Business Incentive grants has remained constant throughout the pandemic.
- The Council has adopted an updated Private Sector Housing Renewal Policy which allows us to be more flexible in spending allocated funding **to help more disabled people to live at home safely and independently**.
- Building on the *Everyone In* initiative, and in conjunction with Aster and Vivid, the Council was awarded **nearly £1m** as part of the Rough Sleeper Accommodation Programme to **purchase 10 one-bedroom properties** to increase the supply of affordable accommodation to those high risk of, or currently experiencing, rough sleeping.



## People



- The delivery of new communities project has continued to deliver against the action plan, carrying out **extensive work with Parish Councils** through the climate change agenda and community resilience amongst others.
- In January 2022, using Rough Sleeping Initiative funding from government, the Council has appointed a **Prevention Support Officer**, dedicated to working with people on the verge of losing their social housing tenancy and becoming homeless. Since that time, their work has **prevented 19 households from becoming homeless**.
- In partnership with Eastleigh Borough Council, Winchester City Council and New Forest District Council, we launched the **Youth Employment Hub** which is supporting young people into work and training. Based both in Romsey and Andover, the Hub will to develop skills, find training opportunities and seek advice on employment.
- Development at the Walworth Business Park has continued. In partnership with Kier, the Council has built **two units with a combined size in excess of 60,000 square feet**.





## People



- Provision of our **Shepherds Spring Lane Car Park** for NHS Test and Trace to use as **a symptomatic Covid-19 test centre**.
- Over 70% of the borough's population has received 3 doses, or a booster, of Covid-19 vaccine. To support this effort, the Council continued to enable the local NHS to use Council facilities for Covid-19 vaccination, with over **140,000 doses of vaccine delivered at TVBC owned and operated sites so far**.
- In Andover, **over 106,000 doses** of vaccine were administered, first at The Lights and then the Chantry Centre. In Romsey, around **36,000 doses of vaccine** were given at the Crosfield Hall.
- Delivered **£9.65m of grants to local business** in response to Covid-19 as well as **£220,000 in Test and Trace support payments** to those self-isolating.



- The Council is one of 4 Hampshire districts participating in **Low Carbon Across the South East** (LoCASE) which is enabling businesses to reduce their carbon footprint through a combination of support and grants.
- As part of our modernisation agenda, we are continuing to progress to **smarter and more agile working**, with the climate emergency as a strategic influence.
- We commissioned APSE to support climate emergency work on our carbon footprint. **The outcome of this work is due end of next month.**
- We planted over **19,000 trees** in the 2021/22 planting season, including over 10,000 trees supporting the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Dormouse Group. This exceeded our target for the year of 10,000 trees.



- We now have **11 electric vehicles in our fleet**, which represents about 11%, and are continuing to move towards electrically operated equipment when existing kit needs to be replaced.
- We achieved a recycling rate of **37.6%**. In October 2021, we approved the **Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy**. Delivered in partnership with all other districts in Hampshire, as well as the county council. This paves the way for the introduction of an improved recycling system.
- We have continued to work with Solent University to drive forward evidence led **behaviour change** in response to the opportunities and changes to waste collection, brought about by the Environment Act, that will be occurring in 2024.



- A public consultation on the use of, and future improvements to, **Vigo Recreation Ground** received over 600 responses and will lead to the development of a management plan for the site.
- We piloted changing the mowing regimes of approximately **7 hectares** of open space as part of the **urban meadows project** – the area managed in this way will be increased in 2022.
- We worked alongside partners through Andover Vision to support the **Andover Climate Day of Action**, as well as facilitating discussions about the climate emergency with the Test Valley Partnership and Test Valley Association of Parish and Town Councils.

# Looking to the future



The Year 4 CAP was adopted by Cabinet in March 2022. There were no new additional projects for this upcoming year.

**WE WANT YOU TO HAVE YOUR SAY ON OUR NEXT CORPORATE PLAN!**

THE CORPORATE PLAN IS THE CENTRAL DOCUMENT THAT SHAPES WHAT TEST VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL DOES FOR THE NEXT FOUR YEARS.

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- The current Corporate Plan, *Growing Our Potential*, runs through to April 2023.
- The consultation is currently open for the next Corporate Plan (2023-2027, this runs through to 21 August).
- Once this has closed, work will begin to analyse this feedback and draft the next Corporate Plan