

Area South Development Plan 2016/17

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Purpose of the Report

To seek committee approval for the Area South Development Plan (ADP) 2016/17. This is the high level work programme for the Area Development Team to address priorities identified by the Area South Committee.

Public Interest

This report provides an outline of the role and objectives of the Area South Development Team. This includes the provision of an advice and support service for members of the public from Petters House, Petters Way, Yeovil. The other main elements are the delivery of Yeovil Vision, Regeneration and Community Development projects.

Recommendation

That members approve the Area South Development Plan 2016/17.

Background

The Area South Committee updates its local priorities on an annual basis within the framework of the overall Council Plan. Through the ADP and other means, it seeks to make progress on these priorities by allocating resources and working with partners and other services within SSDC to achieve results.

The Area budgets enable the Committee to pump prime the work and projects it wishes to implement or support. The use of resources is also reviewed annually. Progress against the Service Plan is monitored monthly by staff and reported to Committee at 6 months and then at the year end. In April an overview of progress made during 2015/16 was presented to Committee. Members were also asked for their views on the emerging priorities both in a discussion after the Committee and also via a survey on economic regeneration projects.

The Area Development Plan

The Area South Development Plan identifies key issues and needs within the town of Yeovil and parishes of Area South and sets out the priorities, main projects and programmes for the Area South Development Team for the forthcoming year. Within this is included day-to-day responsive work with Councillors to address problems and issues that arise through the year.

The plan (see appendix 1) is divided into three sections which relate to the three key areas of work:

1.	Support for the vitality of the local economy, with a focus on Yeovil town centre and improving the physical environment.
2.	Community development with a focus on addressing health, social and economic

	inequalities and the provision and development of community facilities.
3.	To continue to provide a high quality accessible front line enquiry service.

The actions contained within the Plan reflect the emerging Council Plan to be approved in April. The ADP reflects current staff resources. The Area Development team includes 3 Neighbourhood Development Officers (2 FTE). A 5 person Community Support Team (3 FTE) provide both the front office service in Petters House and administrative and project support.

Financial Implications

The Area South Committee has the project resources available to deliver, or support the delivery of, priority projects as shown in Appendix 2.

There are no new implications arising directly from this report at the present time. The financial implications of each new project are brought to Committee for full consideration, when ready, if authority to spend budgets is being sought. Larger projects will be looked at by this Committee first and can bid into corporate funding, including the Economic Development and Infrastructure Capital funds. These will be considered alongside districtwide priorities by DX

Council Plan Implications

At the time of writing this report local work will contribute to the following specific draft actions in year 1 of the emerging Council Plan

- Progress key strategic projects in Yeovil
- Work with Regeneration Boards to deliver local projects eg improve access/ regeneration of Yeovil Town Centre
- Work hub in Yeovil
- Maintain levels of street cleanliness and increase joint working with parishes through parish ranger scheme
- Bring empty properties back into use
- Work with partners on public sector hub in Yeovil
- Support at least 50 community projects

Carbon Emissions & Climate Change Implications

Carbon Emissions & Adapting to Climate Change Implications (NI188)

The town centre location of Petters House minimises travel and the carbon emissions associated with it. The quality of regeneration within Yeovil will have a significant impact on future carbon emissions.

Equality and Diversity Implications

Equality and Diversity will be fully explored in the implementation of the various projects within the Area Development Plan

Background Papers

- *Tackling the Challenges* draft Council Plan
- The Economic Development Strategy