

Appendix 1: Asset Management Strategy on a page 2014-17 *(approved by Full Council, May 2014)*

Purpose: The Asset Strategy aligns SSDC's physical assets with the Council Plan goals, underpinning where resources allow the delivery of the Plan and key strategies. It ensures that the asset base of the council is optimised to meet wider public policies and future needs of the organisation, South Somerset residents and businesses.

Aims: The Asset Strategy will:

- Ensure the most economic and efficient use of property
- Align assets to council areas of focus and key strategies
- Achieve value for money from assets & optimise income generation opportunities
- Develop sustainable property management
- Explore further collaborative working arrangements
- Be responsive to customer need and service agendas

We will:

- Create an annual action plan aligned with corporate goals and resource available
- Use sound property data to challenge property utilisation and review maintenance backlog
- Dispose of unsuitable or inefficient properties, seek further shared use arrangements & income generation opportunities
- Focus on energy management and seek better performance from contractors
- Be mindful of accessibility, equalities, consultation requirements and data management and links to other council plans and strategies

Strategic Direction: Retain Brympton Way as head office, Petters Way as Yeovil Town Centre office, the Octagon Theatre, Yeovil Crematorium and Lufton Depot; provide an SSDC presence in Chard, Crewkerne, Ilminster, Langport, Wincanton and Yeovil; seek sharing opportunities with partners in office/depot accommodation, make retained buildings more energy efficient; dispose of or transfer buildings that do not contribute to the council's objectives, ensure business continuity, safety and accessibility for staff and

We will deliver asset related actions within the Council Plan and through the following strategies and policies where resources

Corporate

Acquisition / Disposal Policy
Medium Term Financial Strategy
Capital Strategy
Area Review
ICT Strategy
Various lettings policies
Repairs & Maintenance Policy
Procurement Strategy
Car Park Strategy Review

With District Executive, Regeneration and Income boards, asset management Team, agency partners.

Jobs

Economic Development Strategy
Car park Strategy Review
Yeovil Vision
Chard Vision
South Somerset Market Town Vision

With Market Towns Investment Group, Chard Regeneration Scheme, Yeovil Vision, Yeovil Innovation Centre

Environment

Carbon Reduction & Climate Change Strategy
Open Space Strategy
Green Infrastructure Strategy (in production)
ICT Strategy
Countryside Management Plans
Contaminated Land Strategy
Car Park Strategy Review

With Regen & Income Boards, Birchfield Liaison Group, Friends of Country Parks, Cem and Crem Joint Committee.

Homes

Somerset Housing Strategy
Empty Homes Strategy
Homelessness & Temporary Accommodation Strategy

With Somerset Strategic Housing Officers Group

Health & Communities

Playing Pitch Strategy
Sport/Active Leisure Strategy
Area Review/Equality Objectives
Asset Transfer Policy
Response to the Localism Bill
Community Right to Buy
Play Strategy
Young People Strategy
Planning Policy Guidance 17

With Health & Wellbeing Boards, LED and the HUB, Area Committees, Parish and Town Councils, Community Groups

Outcomes

Improved value for money, quality of services delivered, well maintained buildings, good asset data, more shared use, compliance with legislation, good accessibility, strong alignment with corporate goals, good cross-service input, clarity about decision-making, release of capital, reduced running costs, improved productivity, improved community strength and delivery of the Council Plan.