

Area East End of Year Report 2014/15 - Presentation

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Purpose of the Report

To provide Members with an overview of Area East progress and achievements during 2014/15

Public Interest

This report gives a summary of work undertaken over the year in response to local priorities raised by local communities and Councillors. The Committee's priorities form a work programme to support local communities and to run complementary programmes of activities to address the particular needs of this rural area.

Recommendation

That members comment on and note the presentation and schedule Appendix 1.

Background

The Area East Committee focuses its resources to address local needs in order to promote improved quality of life in Area East. The Area Development Service Plan 2014/15 contains a set of local priorities, a work programme with targets, to carry these forward throughout the year.

Delivering Priority Work

A presentation will be given at the Committee highlighting the work taken forward in the Area Development Service Plan 2014/15. The Plan and the end of year position in summary is set out in the attached schedule (Appendix 1). The Committee has received regular reports of specific work in themes – youth, village halls, marketing, retail support initiative – or focused on delivery of schemes in the main towns throughout the year.

When the new Committee is appointed in May 2015 a priorities workshop will be arranged to assess available resources, agree priorities and enable a plan and work programme to be prepared for 2015/16.

Financial Implications

There are no new financial implications arising directly from this report. A separate report on use of resources in 2014/15 will be prepared at year end

Corporate Priority Implications

The priorities have been developed taking into account the SSDC Corporate plan. In particular the work of the ADT contributes towards:

- Enhance the vitality of town centres and discourage large scale out of town retail development that has a negative impact on local centres
- Work with and lobby partners to help communities to develop transport schemes and local solutions to reduce rural isolation and inequalities to meet existing needs of those communities
- Evaluate the overall requirements of the Government's 'Localism' legislation and work with communities to develop plans for their community
- Assist Queen Camel to complete their Neighbourhood Development Plan and use the lessons from this pilot scheme to help other communities to develop their plans in the future

Carbon Emissions & Adapting to Climate Change Implications (NI188)

This is considered on an individual project and programme basis as appropriate. The overall priority is to seek to create more balanced communities where people can live, work and get access to the services and facilities they need on a daily basis

Equality and Diversity Implications

This is considered on an individual project and programme basis as appropriate. All Area Development teams have done an Equality Impact Assessment and have an improvement plan in place.

Background Papers: ADP 2014/15;