

Appendix B

Council Plan Action	Status 03/2015	Service	Comment
Focus 1. JOBS			
C1.01 - Motivate and support business associations and act as a point of contact for businesses and partners.	Completed	Communities / Economic Development	Area South - Support provided as required for ongoing relationships with the Town Team and Yeovil Chamber. Area West: Support provided as required.
C1.02 - Improve communications with businesses so that we are supporting them in meeting their needs and not acting as a barrier.	Completed	Economic Development	
C1.03 - Provide targeted support for start-ups and small businesses and those with the aspiration to expand.	Completed	Economic Development	
C1.04 - Fast track planning applications for those businesses seeking to expand start-up or relocate to South Somerset.	Completed	Economic Development	
C1.05 - Work in partnership to deliver investment and development that local people value.	Completed	Economic Development	
C1.06 - Work in partnership to deliver investment and development that local people value in Yeovil.	Completed	Economic Development	
C1.07 - Work in partnership to deliver investment and development that local people value in Chard.	Partially Completed	Economic Development	Project elements now included within Investing in Infrastructure Programme and Area/Corporate scoping plan. Will be progressed as and when resources become available.
C1.08 - Secure land with planning permission for employment use in areas where it is needed.	Partially Completed	Economic Development	Progress is subject to successfully negotiating third party ownerships
C1.09 - Enhance the vitality of town centres and discourage large scale out of town retail development that has a negative impact on local centres.	Completed	Economic Development	

C1.10 - Work with partners to provide support and assistance to those businesses and individuals facing redundancy and preventing it where possible.	Completed	Economic Development	
C1.11 - Progress the Chard Regeneration Scheme to create a vibrant town centre, by working with a development partner to invest, create new jobs.	Partially Completed	Economic Development	Conditional Development Agreement signed with development partner in 2014 setting unconditional date at 2017. This agreement defines the current timeframe.
C1.12 - Regenerate the former ACI site and the Bowden Mill site by 2013.	Partially Completed	Economic Development	Has missed target date of 2013. As above, timeframe is now defined by the Development Agreement signed in 2014.
C1.14 - Facilitate a programme for economic growth by assembling land packages for business use in Yeovil by 2014.	Completed	Area Development (South)	Sites available for redevelopment.
C1.15 - Facilitate a programme for economic growth by assembling land packages for business use in Chard by 2014.	Partially Completed	Economic Development	Progress is subject to successfully negotiating third party ownerships.
C1.16 - Facilitate a realistic development programme for new employment sites that have been identified in market towns by 2015.	Partially Completed	Economic Development	Programme included in Investing In Infrastructure programme. Progress will be subject to negotiation with third party owners.
C1.17 - Support early delivery of Super-Fast Broadband to rural areas by 2015.	Partially Completed	Economic Development	Current programme will deliver Superfast Broadband to 90% of all premises in SSDC area by Dec 2015. Extension Programme likely to extend this figure to 95% by 2017.
C1.18 - Work with partners, to contribute to tackling youth unemployment.	Completed	Economic Development	
Focus 2. ENVIRONMENT			
C2.01 - Maintain street cleaning high performance across the district.	Completed	Streetscene	

C2.02 - Maintain our country parks, optimising the use of external funding.	Completed	Countryside	Country Parks are managed to 5 year plans & retain Green Flag Awards. In the past year £175K of grant funds donated to build new Ninesprings Centre, plus £30K towards events at Yeovil Country Park. Other external funding includes £1k toward tree planting at Ham Hill and £30K of Heritage Lottery money supporting a development officer post that finalised a £420K bid in Feb 2015. Friends groups continue to support the Parks and secure smaller grants for community led projects and events.
C2.03 - Continue to deliver schemes with local communities that enhance the appearance of their local areas.	Completed	Streetscene	
C2.04 - With the Somerset Waste Partnership, develop options each year that increase recycling and further minimise waste.	Completed	Waste (SWP)	
C2.05 - Deliver campaigns and projects that help householders and businesses (including the Council) to cut energy use and adapt to climate change.	Completed	Spatial Policy	Design advice has been given for inclusion of PV on two proposed new community sports buildings. Assistance has been provided to enable South Somerset Community Energy to register with the FCA and develop its first few PV projects on school and community building roof space to the point that a share offer is published.
C2.06 - Promote the Green Deal and similar schemes that enable householders and businesses to make existing buildings more energy efficient.	Did not Start	Spatial Policy	Following officer discussion it was decided not to link the council with the Green Deal due to the reputational risk. Officers have recently been in discussions with OVO to supply SS residents with competitive energy tariffs.
C2.07 - Promote high quality building design, high sustainability and insulation in new developments.	Completed	Development Control	Regular meetings with developers and agents to discuss design and construction techniques.

C2.08 - Continue to support communities to minimise flood water risks.	Completed	Civil Contingencies	
Focus 3. HOMES			
C3.01 - Minimise impact to our residents of the major changes to housing and council tax benefits proposed by the Government.	Completed	Revenues & Benefits	
C3.02 - Make optimum use of resources for home adaptations each year to enable people to live independently.	Completed	Environmental Health	
C3.03 - Minimise homelessness by providing advice, support and housing options.	Completed	Housing & Welfare	
C3.04 - With partners, enable additional new homes to meet the needs of the district, including mixed housing schemes to buy or rent that are affordable.	Completed	Spatial Policy	Full details are contained in reports to District Executive, 2nd August 2012, 1st August 2013 & 4th September 2014. 181 affordable dwellings delivered during 2014/15, of which 42 were for shared ownership and 23 were within Community Land Trust schemes.
C3.05 - Have an adopted Local Plan and Community Infrastructure Levy in place by 2014 that will ensure all new development contributes towards important community infrastructure.	Partially Completed	Spatial Policy	The Council has not completed or established the Community Infrastructure Levy by 2014. This is due to the impact on timescales due to the suspension of the Local Plan. Now that the Local Plan has been adopted it is possible to divert resources towards considering CIL. Recent Government changes to policy regarding S.106 and CIL need to be borne in mind. Work is progressing to refine the Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule.
C3.06 - Identify a temporary stopping point for gypsies and travellers by 2014.	Partially Completed	Health & Wellbeing	On hold. Decision taken in early 2014 for a site to be identified on a Somerset basis in conjunction with neighbour authorities, rather than proceeding on a stand-alone South Somerset basis.
C3.07 - Continue to work with partners to bring private sector housing up to Decent Homes Standard	Completed	Environmental Health	
C3.08 - Continue to work to bring empty houses back into use.	Completed	Environmental Health	

C3.09 - Work with partners to combat fuel poverty.	Completed	Environmental Health	Centre for Sustainable Energy, Bristol deliver most of the advice, grants and fuel saving schemes on SSDC behalf.
Focus 4. HEALTH & COMMUNITIES			
C4.02 - Protect community health with regular safety inspections of food outlets, licensed premises, taxis and other commercial businesses.	Completed	Environmental Health	
C4.03 - Maintain and enhance the South Somerset network of leisure and cultural facilities, optimising opportunities for external funding to promote healthy living.	Completed	Community Health & Leisure	Play Areas/Youth facilities – refurbishment projects delivered/supported at venues in South Somerset in 2014/5, Sports Facilities – projects/clubs supported/funded include: pitch drainage at Jubilee Park, Bruton, fourth tennis court at Yeovil Tennis Club, new AGP at Westfield Academy, funding for a new AGP at Huish Academy, funding for a new pavilion/community facility at Ilminster, new cricket pavilion at Milborne Port, new pavilion at Merriott, Huish and Langport Cricket Club, Ilton Parish Council (new recreation ground).
C4.04 - Continue to provide Welfare Benefits support and advice to tackle poverty for our vulnerable residents.	Completed	Housing & Welfare	
C4.05 - Ensure, with partners, that we respond effectively to community safety concerns raised by local people and that the strategic priorities for policing and crime reduction in South Somerset reflect local needs.	Completed	Third Sector & Partnerships	We continue to respond to community safety concerns.
C4.06 - 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.	Partially Completed	Spatial Policy	On-going work. Current projects include working with the SST Transport & Accessibility Focus Group to move forward a Transport Hub project at Wincanton. This has been given added impetus following a recent successful bid by Transporting Somerset (SCC's public transport unit) to the Department for Transport's Total Transport Pilot Fund resulting in a grant of £305k (27/03/2015), which we anticipate will enhance our ability to progress this scheme (& possibly others within the district).

C4.07 - Enable a district-wide network of free standing Community Justice Panels.	Completed	Third Sector & Partnerships	Somerset Community Justice Partnership established as an independent charity.
C4.08 - Evaluate the overall requirements of the Governments Localism legislation and work with communities to develop plans for their community.	Completed	Communities	
C4.09 - 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.	Completed	Area Development (East)	