

Area North Committee – 25<sup>th</sup> July 2007

## 12. Area North Development Plan – Quarterly Monitoring Report

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### Purpose of the Report

To provide members with the first quarter's monitoring report for 2007-08.

### Recommendation

Members are invited to note and comment on the report.

### Background

The Area Development Plan (ADP) identifies key issues and needs within the parishes of Area North over which the Council can have a significant role in addressing or influencing future service provision. In particular key projects identified within market town regeneration plans are included.

The plan was approved in April 2007 by the Area North Committee, and a full copy is available from the Head of Area Development (North).

### Report

The first quarterly monitoring report is included in Appendix A.

The ADP provides the Committee with a clear framework for targeting the resources it controls, and for the influence of others – making a difference where it counts!

Some projects and areas of work are already funded through officer time, delegated budgets or grants to external groups, with clear outputs set. Others may benefit from future allocations from within the Area Capital Programme, Area Reserve, Community Grants or Service budgets.

Several areas of the plan are achievable by targeting existing resources of officer time and funding budgets, since their success depends on reviewing current policy and practice, or developing partnerships and networks.

### Monitoring

The plan acts as a working document with regular monitoring by the Area Development Team. A monitoring report is presented quarterly (July, October 2007, January, April 2008) to this Committee. Reports from key partnerships, agencies and SSDC service teams are incorporated into the Forward Plan.

## Financial Implications

None in this report - Some projects and areas of work are already funded through officer time, delegated budgets or grants to external groups, with clear outputs set. Others may benefit from future allocations from within the Area Capital Programme, Area Reserve, Community Grants or Service budgets.

## Corporate Plan

The Area Development Plan supports all main aims of the corporate plan, and in particular contributes to the achievement of the following objectives:

- 8 – Work in partnership with the public and private sector in developing and delivery of the Market Towns Vision
- 9 – Identify and address the particular issues affecting rural areas
- 15 – increase to 65% by 2010 the people who feel engaged in and can influence decisions that affect their communities

## Other Implications

The successful delivery of the Area Development Plan will in turn support the South Somerset Community Strategy and Market Towns Vision, local community plans in Somerton, Langport and Huish Episcopi, Martock, South Petherton, and other parish plans in several communities in Area North. Other key strategies include the South Somerset Play, Youth, Tourism, Economic Development strategies.

**Background Papers:** *Area Development Plan – ANC April 2007*