

Area North Committee – 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2008

## 12. Area Development Plan Monitoring

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### Purpose of the Report

To provide members with the third quarter's monitoring report of the Area North Development Plan for 2007-08. The Head of Area Development will also make a brief presentation.

### Recommendation

Members are invited to note and comment on the report.

### Background

The Area North 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 community 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). A monitoring report is presented quarterly (July, October 2007, January, April 2008). Reports from key partnerships, agencies and SSDC service teams are incorporated into the Forward Plan.

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.

Further information on the Area Development Plan available from the Area North Development Team, there are also numerous other reports received by the Area Committee throughout the year which describe how services are being delivered in Area North, and the actions taken by the Area Committee to improve and enhance this.

### The Monitoring Report

The third quarterly monitoring report is included in Appendix A.

The report includes a number of abbreviations – which are explained below

**SSDC** = South Somerset District Council

**SCC** = Somerset County Council

**ANCSAP** = Area North Community Safety Action Panel (part of the Mendip and South Somerset Community Safety Partnership)

**EA** = Environment Agency

## Financial Implications

None in this report, however, 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.

## Implications for Corporate Priorities

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

- 1 – Increase to 75% the residents who feel the council gives good value for money
- 2 – Maintain above 75% the people satisfied with the way the council runs the district
- 5 – Improve year on year improvements for local targets
- 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
- 11- Work in partnership with others to improve the health prospects for all
- 14 – Maintain above 90% the people who generally feel safe in their communities
- 15 – increase to 65% by 2010 the people who feel engaged in and can influence decisions that affect their communities
- 16 – Maintain 80% people satisfied with their neighbourhoods as a place to live
- 18 – 80% of residents and businesses satisfied with the quality of the local, natural and built environment by 2012

## Other Implications

The successful delivery of the Area Development Plan will in turn support the delivery of the South Somerset Community Strategy and Market Towns Vision, local community plans in Somerton, Langport and Huish Episcopi, Martock, South Petherton, and local priorities in the surrounding villages.

Other key strategies include the South Somerset Play, Youth, Tourism, and Economic Development strategies.

**Background Papers:** *Area Development Plan – ANC April 2007*  
*Quarterly Reports – July 2007, Oct 2007*

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