

Appendix A - Area North Development Plan 2008-09

Main Actions Proposed	Target 2008/09	Milestone	Area North Resources	Lead Officer	Output	Outcome	How will we measure success?	Risk
<p>Key Objective: Work with Councillors, partners and communities to address local needs and priorities, promoting improved quality of life for all</p>								
1. Support the provision of affordable rural housing schemes using exception policies	2 existing schemes completed 2 new schemes in progress	Site identified at Long Sutton; 1 new housing needs survey completed; Compton Dundon and Curry Mallett completed schemes	Officer time	Les Collett (working with housing, planning, local communities and CCS)	Site identified / housing needs survey produced / new affordable homes built	Two schemes are underdevelopment; two schemes are occupied	Progress of schemes against project plans	H
2. Promote and enhance community or subsidised rural transport services	One new service introduced Existing services maintained	Existing services reviewed gaps / opportunities	Officer time Community grants / service enhancement	Les Collett (working with transport strategy officer, Transporting Somerset and SSVCA)	Transport services	Local people without own transport, can access local services	Coverage and Sustainability of services Customer evaluations and usage	M
3. Promote and enhance activities and informal facilities for children and young people	20 new activities, 2 new and 2 enhanced informal facilities; increase support to local volunteers working with young people	Programme of grants agreed Play & Youth facilities programme reviewed PR activities agreed	Officer time £10,000 service enhancement / grants and capital programme	Teresa Oulds / Les Collett (working with Area North youth network; SCC; Rural Youth Project; SSDC play and youth officers.)	20 new community-led holiday / evening activities, schemes and events; 4 new / enhanced informal facilities for children and young people	Increased participation in local activities and use of facilities by children, young people and their families Increased volunteering	Evaluations from children and young people, and adult leaders / volunteers Monitoring of usage of facilities	L

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4. Promote and enhance activities and services for older people	6 open advice afternoons; 15 new activities supported Increase access to information and advice	Open afternoons completed Programme of grants agreed Series of PR activities planned	Officer time £10,000 service enhancement Community grants	Teresa Oulds (working with Age Concern, SCC, SSH, Active Lifestyles team, Home Aid, Community Safety Partnership, SSVCA)	6 events 15 community led activities	New and extended activities for residents; raised awareness and use of key services	User evaluations; partner evaluations Numbers attending / using services	L
5. Support the development and enhancement of community managed facilities, activities or services :	40 community led projects supported in officer time / grants S106 agreements for developments in Huish Episcopi and South Petherton meet identified need	Area North Community enquiries log will indicate progress S106 at each scheme agreed; local audits of community facilities complete	Officer time; grants programme	Les Collett (working with relevant service teams, CCS (village halls); SPFA (playing fields) and SCC) Charlotte Jones (working with planning gain group)	40 community-led projects are completed – a new activity or new facility in place New or enhanced facilities arising from housing developments	Community use of new facilities / activities Raised capacity of local community Impact of new development is addressed through additional provision	Project evaluations Customer feedback from those using SSDC services S106 Agreements successfully fulfilled	M H
6. Promote local access to public / voluntary services , including access to business support :	Deliver local communication s plan to encourage take-up Identify gaps in service capacity or provision	Audit of provision and use of key advice and support services – Nov 08 Communication plan in place Sept 08	Officer time and existing budget	Madelaine King-Oakley (working with Customers First; and partners) Mike Bartlett (Small business support officer)	Range of communication activities Audit of provision and use of key services by Area North residents / business	Residents and businesses are aware of local services, and increase take-up	Use of community offices increased by 10%; customer feedback from events / PR; Feedback from agencies on take-up	L

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7. Support the retention and enhancement of key local services and businesses	20 local business supported, including Post Offices and shops affected by national review	SBGS reviewed Post office review – support programme agreed	Officer time Small business grants programme	Les Collett / Natalie House (with economic development and Somerset rural services group)	20 projects or initiatives	Improved viability of business / service	Grant evaluations Audit of facilities Involvement in networks Feedback from customers	H
8. Promote education and voluntary action to protect and enhance the environment and / or promote access to the countryside	6 new community projects and 2 educational initiatives supported	Sources of help for voluntary projects identified – July 08	Officer time + Small grants	Les Collett + range of officers who champion local environmental action	8 projects delivered	Local communities take the lead to protect and enhance the local environment	Feedback from volunteers and beneficiaries	L
9. Promote and influence increased local environmental quality through better co-ordination of services or enhancements	Performance monitoring of streetscene, highways and flood management teams	Forward plan agreed with key services July - 08	Service enhancement budget	Charlotte Jones (via co-ordination of ANC forward plan)	Reports / presentations at committee / site visits or workshops	Members (and the public) are better informed on local services / issues to improve decision making, and influence	Feedback from councillors Workshop evaluations Service / users feedback	H
10. Promote and increase levels of community safety and cohesion , reducing crime and the fear of crime through targeted action on local priorities	See Area North Community Safety Action Plan	ANCSAP plan published	Officer time Grants budget Service enhancement budget	Charlotte Jones (working with SDC services and partners)	See Area North Community Safety Action Plan	High priority issues are identified and addressed	Feedback from events / surveys Local crime statistics Partnerships evaluation	H
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11. Develop Area North Community Forum and deliver service enhancement programme	2 forum events; service enhancement programme completed	First forum event – July 08; second forum event – Oct 08.	Area Development team £40k service enhancement budget	Charlotte Jones (working with SCC and SSDC service teams)	2 community forum events Service enhancement programme outputs	Services are tailored and enhanced to meet local needs and priorities	Evaluations from events Evaluations of service enhancement programmes	H
12. Promote and support local involvement in the production and delivery of high quality community-led plans (Parish Plans / Market Town Plans)	All published plans are reviewed and local action plan updated; Long Sutton Parish Plan published	Update implementation plans for each plan July – Sept 08	Officer time Small grants for community planning	Les Collett (parish plans) working with CCS; Natalie House (4 x market towns)	Long Sutton Parish Plan published Reviewed audit / updated action plan	Local communities involved in creating local priorities within time bound action plan	% of projects completed; numbers of parishes with updated action plan	M
13. Promote and support involvement of 'hard to reach groups' with programmes / consultation to ensure needs are identified and articulated	All identified hard to reach groups are engaged with during consultation activity	Key groups and contacts are identified and developed	Officer time	As agreed for each group	Database of key contacts for groups Results of consultation activity	Consultation activity will include groups less well represented through traditional methods	Numbers from key groups participating in consultation activities	H
14. Promote and support local involvement in the new Local Development Framework (land use and spatial planning)	Support consultations for core strategy Identify land use and spatial issues from local community plans	Support preferred options consultation – Sept -08	Officer time	Charlotte Jones (working with Planning Policy)	Area based events / activities	Community involvement in land use and spatial planning	Feedback form events; Emerging core strategy reflects local needs and issues	M

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Key objective : Work with partners to secure investment into Area North, designed to secure long term economic, social and environmental well-being								
a. External programmes of public funding								
15. Promote and support local investment from the Levels and Moors Local Action programme	Levels & Moors bid to SWRDA is successful	Bid assessed July 08	Officer time	Charlotte Jones (SCC as accountable body)	Agreed programme in place	Investment programme is planned for future years	SWDRA award funding; partnership agreement in place; delivery programme agreed	M
16. Support the WAVE programme led by Somerset Water Management Partnership	WAVE programme commissions vision for Levels and Moors	Consultants appointed	Officer time to support programmes affecting Area North	Charlotte Jones (SCC as accountable body)	Levels and Moors Vision document	Shared vision for levels & moors	Vision document produced and agreed	L

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17. Market Towns Vision: – develop and deliver a programme which secures the long term success of our market towns [and rural centres], through the Market Towns Investment Group and others	Completion of final year of MTIG programme for Area North	CCTV programme implemented; local MTIG projects completed	(DX programme)	Natalie House (link officer for MTIG)	4 priority schemes	Benefits from addressing local proprieties	Project evaluations	M
	Complete conservation area appraisals for Langport, South Petherton, Martock, Langport	Consultants brief agreed Oct 08	To be allocated	Adron Duckworth - Conservation	4 conservation areas statements	Conservation area appraisals are up to date, meeting Government requirements, and informing local community plans	CAAs meet quality required; and receive support from local community.	
	Tourism audits for Area North		To be allocated	Natalie House (link officer for MTIG)				
b. Capital projects, supported by SSDC programme, developed from priorities in local community plans								
18. Langport area vision for access and participation to River Parrett and surrounding countryside and waterways	Phase 1 implemented	Project design and phasing is agreed; Phrase 1 and 2 project briefs	£50k allocated	Charlotte Jones (with Langport River Group)	Phase 1 output (Westover car park, pathways)	Langport is improved for visitor access, promoting the local economy	Project evaluation Quality standards met	H
19. Parrett Works, Conservation and Regeneration as a thriving live-work community	Conservation plan is commissioned in conjunction with owners of Parrett Works	Match funding secured	TBC	Charlotte Jones (with Conservation and Economic Development)	Consultant contracted	Shared commitment for regeneration and conservation of Parrett Works	Project evaluation Quality standards met	H

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20. Great Bow Wharf / Warehouse Trust is established as thriving social enterprise bringing economic benefit to Langport area	Warehouse is transferred to new company and governance arrangements agreed between partners	Warehouse transferred to new trust Revised business plan agreed by directors	Officer time (DX grant £200k)	Charlotte Jones (working with LADT and ECOS)	Warehouse vested in new company Business Plan	Management and governance of warehouse is in place with business plan for first 3 years	Project evaluation Quality standards met	M
21. Somerton – town centre scheme (West Street) Scheme to address safety and access issues	To be set with Town Council / SCC	Outline design and consultation plan agreed – Sept 08	£50k allocated (Capital Programme)	Charlotte Jones (with Engineering and Property Services / SCC)	TBC	Project is progressed	Quality standards met	M
22. Langport – town centre scheme (Whatley / Cockle Moor) Small programme of improvements to town centre including transfer of toilets to LTC	Programme completed and transfer of toilets	Programme agreed – July 08 Toilet transfer agreed with LTC	Existing budget Engineering & Property Services	Charlotte Jones (with Engineering and Property Services)	Small scale improvements to town centre; toilets transferred	Town centre is more suitable for markets and the long-term management of the toilets is agreed	Project evaluation Quality standards met	M
23. Martock – town centre scheme (Moorlands Precinct)	Phase 2 completed; Phase 3 project brief agreed	Phase 2 project brief agreed – June 08	£25k allocated in principle	Natalie House (working with Engineering and Property Services and the Martock Precinct Group)	New lighting and traffic calming	Car park is safer and more attractive to visitors	Project evaluation Quality standards met	L
24. Martock – Langport Cycleway – created as public right of way along former railway line	Project initiated subject to full feasibility	Project brief agreed – June 08	TBC	TBC	Feasibility study and project initiation document	Project can be assessed to progress or cancel	Quality standards met	H

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25. Cockle Moor Bridge (project completion)	Project is complete	Contractor appointed by SCC	£37,000 to pay to SCC	Charlotte Jones (with Property Services)	Replaced pathway and fencing; legal arrangements	Access and safety is improved at bridge site	Project evaluation Quality standards met	L