

Area North Committee – 26<sup>th</sup> November 2008

## 12. Area Development Plan Quarterly Monitoring Report

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### Purpose of the Report

To provide Members with the second quarter's monitoring report of the Area North Development Plan for 2008-09. The Head of Area Development (North) will also make a brief presentation.

### Recommendation(s)

Members are recommended to:

1. note and comment on the report, including the updates on progress towards addressing local priorities contained in Appendix A
2. Consider and recommend any items to be included in the Area North Committee Forward Plan, arising from this 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. It is adopted by the Area Committee, forming its work programme, on an annual basis and monitored quarterly.

The objectives of the Area Development Plan form the basis of the Area North Portfolio statement agreed annually by South Somerset District Council.

From time to time, as work progresses, additional targets are set and added, however once approved at the start of the year, no targets are removed.

Achievements against targets are reported annually to Full Council within the Area North Portfolio statement.

The Area Committee considers an update report every three months. This provides a brief update on the progress towards each target set for the year. Where it appears the target will not be met, an explanation will be provided, with planned actions to meet or modify the target.

The second quarterly monitoring report is included in Appendix A. This has been timed to coincide with the Area North quarterly budget report and capital programme.

#### 1. Monitoring report

The current quarters monitoring report is included in Appendix A. Where a more detailed report has been provided to the Area Committee this is indicated. Access to these reports is available on-line or from the Area Development team.

<http://www.southsomerset.gov.uk/index.jsp?articleid=8937>

The planned targets and milestones are included together with an update comment and an assessment of the risk. This is based on whether the target is likely to be met, and the impact on addressing local priorities that missing the target may have. The colour coding is explained below.

**Red** = behind schedule; risk that this target will not be achieved without action and / or additional capacity. Relative high impact if this target is not achieved.

**Amber** = progressing, but without careful monitoring / additional capacity this target may not be achieved. Medium to low impact if not fully achieved.

**Green** = this work is progressing well, and the targets are expected to be met.

It is important to note that an assessment of RED or AMBER, does not necessarily indicate problems, but helps to prioritise additional attention to ensuring successful completion of the targets.

An assessment of RED or AMBER can also assist the Area Committee to allocate additional funding or request additional support from partners.

Further comments on schemes within the capital programme are included within the Area North quarterly budget monitoring report.

### **Priority areas for the next quarter (November – January)**

The following priority targets and current areas of work will directly influence the work programmes of the Area Development team over the next 3 months.

- Establishment of the new Joint Area Committee with Somerset County Council (phase 1 from January 2009)
- Completion and initial evaluation of the Service Enhancement Programme and Area North Forum.
- In addition to routine monitoring and support to community enquiries and progression of Area North projects within the capital programme, additional support to the following projects, which are led by other service teams, partners or have arisen unexpectedly:
  - Bartletts Elm /Field Road – Junction improvement (roundabout)
  - Great Bow Wharf – support to governance and business plan
  - Site refurbishment projects for gypsies and travellers at Ilton and Tintinhull
- Continue to focus on the following priorities:
  - Affordable housing programme in conjunction with Planning Team Leader
  - Work to build better partnerships and enhance access to services at a local level particularly for older and younger people
  - Supporting new neighbourhood policing arrangements
  - Investment in the Levels and Moors – launch of new programme
  - Somerset wide review of support to post offices and shops
  - Establishing local evidence of need to support land-use and spatial planning

### **Additional information to be provided**

Councillors are asked to note that further information will be provided at the meeting on:

- New Joint Area Committees
- Area North Service Enhancement Programme
- New neighbourhood policing arrangements

### **Financial Implications**

None from this report, see Quarterly Budget Monitoring Report for further details on the resources to support the Area Development Plan.

### **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 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 delivery of the Somerset Local Area Agreement, 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 Supporting People, Every Child Matters, tourism and economic development strategies, housing, health and well-being strategies, and access to services.

**Background Papers:** *Area Development Plan – ANC April 2008*  
*1<sup>st</sup> quarterly update August 2008*