

Area Development Plan 2008/09 – Quarterly Monitoring Report – November 2008

Red= Targets behind schedule, needs rethinking. **Amber** = Progress towards targets but some delays requiring action **Green** = On target

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Key Objective: Work with Councillors, partners and communities to address local needs and priorities, promoting improved quality of life for all (links to SSDC Corporate Plan (CP) and Somerset Local Area Agreement (LAA))					
TOP PRIORITY					
1. Support the provision of affordable housing schemes using rural 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 Mallet completed schemes; site identified at Long Load	Amber	Amber	Meeting to collate existing and planned schemes for affordable housing being organised with Community Council and SSDC staff (housing, planning and Area North). Meeting held to discuss progress of Rural Exception Projects See report to ANC Nov 2008. Current programme collated. Compton Dundon – s106 outstanding Curry Mallett – near completion Long Sutton and Long Load – site investigations and assessments
ADDITIONAL PRIORITIES (All equal)					
2. Promote and enhance community or subsidised rural transport services	One new service investigated Existing community transport services maintained	Existing services reviewed gaps / opportunities 6 month review with LINKS steering group	Amber	Green	Links and Nippy bus services promoted through tea afternoons. Meeting held with Nigel Collins and communications with SCC regarding expansion of bus services within Area North. See report to ANC Oct 2008 3 year SLA established and funding awarded to support Langport and Somerton Links Service. Provision of public and demand responsive transport mapped by SCC. New link to Long Sutton to be reviewed with 2009 tender process.

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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 enhanced support developed with SCC for Young Peoples Centres (4)	Programme of grants agreed Play & Youth facilities programme reviewed PR activities agreed MONITOR CURRENT SERVICE LEVELS AGREEMENT WITH YOUTH ORGANISATIONS	Green	Green	14 small grants awarded to village groups for summer activities. See report to ANC Sept 08. 20 sessions delivered by volunteers £1000 awarded to each of market towns for youth activities. Programmes planned and delivered in Langport ,South Petherton Martock and Somerton See report to ANC Sept 08. 17 holiday activity sessions booked in 8 locations. Assistance given to establishment of youth club at Seavingtons. 3 holiday activities supported in October half term, Play areas at Ash & Montacute in progress. Contribution for Martock play area secured from developer. Play & Youth facilities programme reviewed by steering group. 5 BIG lottery play days held. (SAL team) Langport Children's Centre opened (SCC)
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	Green	Green	26 small grants awarded to village groups for summer activities 23 sessions delivered by volunteers; 6 tea afternoons/information sessions held June/July. 165+ attended. See report to ANC Sept 08. Network meeting held in July with SCC Social Care Officers, SSDC's Lifestyle Officer to co-ordinate service delivery.

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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 community need	Area North Community enquiries log will indicate progress S106 at each scheme agreed; local audits of community facilities complete	Green	Green	Discussions held with Sport & Leisure to discuss training and guidance for recreational trusts, area or district wide. Langport community facilities audit in progress. Several community led projects under development. 12 projects receiving support District wide work to complete PPG17 assessment See ANC capital programme report Ongoing monitoring of progress of major planning schemes and process to establish s106.
6. Promote access to public / voluntary services , including access to business support	Deliver local communications 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 Identify future plans for Broadplaces programme	Green	Green	Martock Community Office due to open March 2009. Langport Community Office – see report Oct 08. Somerton Community Office lease to be reviewed . County wide group established to consider rural & retail PO support. Agreement with POL to enhance involvement with local councils from Jan 09 Business Link surgeries held in Kelways, Langport 2 Broadplaces projects in Area North – Ilton and Compton Dundon.

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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	Small business grants scheme reviewed Post office review – support programme agreed	Amber	Amber	Evaluation of Business Grant Scheme complete. Business Grant Scheme transferred to Business Support Officer, re-launched until March 2010.
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	Green	Green	Assistance given with Lottery application for environmental area in Shepton Beauchamp. Assistance given for first stage application to Changing Spaces (Lottery) grant for £45,000 to an open access area in previous scrubland at Cowleaze, Shepton Beauchamp. Streetscene team supported Ilton Churchyard, bulb planting programme, community clean-ups, Transition Town groups supported.
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	Green	Green	£15,000 Service Enhancement budget allocated to Environmental services. Streetscene service enhancement programme developed with parishes Flood awareness workshop and Pitt review work in hand.

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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	Green	Green	Fire brigade and police representatives present at tea afternoon/information sessions held for older people June/July 2008. Local Action Group set up in Tintinhull. Three LAG meetings held with another planned for the 1st December Workshop Nov 08; Local Action Group support fund launched. Panel meets regularly; enhanced protocol with Police for key area of concern for crime and safety; district wide review of role and activity of LAGs and Panels; New Police structure provides one sergeant for Area North. Requests for support to address community safety responded to.
Key objective: Work with partners to increase and improve community involvement with local democracy and into plans and strategies affecting Area North					
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.	Green	Amber	Mobile forum event held in the Market Towns and priorities for service enhancements identified. Postponed Oct event. Re-launch with Joint Area Committee. Service enhancement programme underway across 4 themes plus affordable housing review.

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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 plans updated; Long Sutton Parish Plan published	Updated implementation plans for each plan - July – Sept 08	Green	Amber	<p>Martock – action plan regularly monitored. Langport – draft plan reviewed. South Petherton – review of parish plan under discussion Langport, Martock and South Petherton Plans reviewed and updated where appropriate.</p> <p>Timetable for publication of revised Langport Area Community Plan agreed with Market Town Reps and draft strategy document in progress. South Petherton Parish Plan review planned</p>
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 identified and developed	Green	Green	<p>Key groups and contact database started.</p> <p>Younger people and older people targeted through Community Forum and Area North Community Forums.</p>

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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	Green	Amber	Issues and options consultation completed end May. PPG17 assessment for local needs for community buildings under review
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 and Moors bid to SWRDA is successful; business plan agreed and governance in place	Bid assessed July 08	Green	Green	Bid successful £1.8m awarded Bid steering group arranging transfer to management structure including community and private sector partners. Programme launch Nov 08

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16. Support the WAVE programme for Vision for Levels and Moors (Somerset Water Management Partnership)	WAVE programme commissions vision for Levels and Moors	Consultants appointed	Green		Update to be confirmed
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 Complete conservation area appraisals for Langport, South Petherton, Martock, Somerton Tourism audits for Area North	CCTV programme implemented; local MTIG projects completed Consultants brief agreed Oct 08	Amber	Amber	<i>Protocol of installation of mobile CCTV complete between SSDC and AS&C Protocol for implementation complete.</i> SCC Highways representative identified to support local schemes. Meeting with Highways held to progress local schemes <i>Towns working with Highways to develop and deliver local priority schemes.</i> Draft project brief for visitor audits of the Market Towns agreed by MTIG. 6 Towns have signed up to the Visitor Audit project (as at 04/11/08), including Martock and South Petherton, and first Project Board meeting held. Resources available from Conservation Planning Team to conduct Conservation Area Appraisals in 2009/2010

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b. Capital projects, supported by SSDC programme, developed from priorities in local 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; Phase 1 and 2 project briefs	Amber	Red	Phase 1 unlikely to be completed by March 08, but under development. EA supportive in principle. Pilot trial for solar boats cancelled due to river conditions. Ongoing local support for river access identified.
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;	Amber	Red	Delays due to staff capacity. Revised project brief completed for conservation plan. Some match funding required from SSDC. Limited progress made during last quarter.

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20. Great Bow Wharf / Warehouse Trust is established as thriving social enterprise bringing economic benefits 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	Amber	Green	Warehouse transferred to new Warehouse Trust. Budget prepared. P/T centre manager employed. New agreement with SSDC signed, including provisions for management and governance and community involvement. Governance workshop for directors and stakeholders Nov 08.
21. Somerton – town centre scheme (West Street). Scheme to address safety and access issues.	<i>To be set with Town Council / SCC</i>	Outline design and consultation plan agreed – Sept 08	Amber		At outline design stage

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<p>22. Langport – town centre scheme (Whatley / Cocklemoor) Small programme of improvements to town centre including transfer of toilets to LTC</p>	Programme completed and transfer of toilets	<p>Programme agreed – July 08</p> <p>Toilet transfer agreed with Langport Town Council</p>	Green	Amber	<p>Planning consent for extension to public toilets. Costings prepared.</p> <p>Outline scheme for modifications to promote markets etc in town square.</p> <p>Specifications for new toilet extension submitted to Langport Town Council. Proposal for transfer under consideration.</p>
<p>23. Martock – town centre scheme (Moorlands Precinct)</p>	Phase 2 completed; phase 3 project brief agreed	Phase 2 project brief agreed – June 08	Green	Green	<p>Phase 2 scheme funding in place. Precinct group finalising lighting design and developing Phase 3 project brief.</p> <p>Phase 2 Project brief agreed, plans developed and funding secured.</p> <p><i>Phase 2 Lighting Scheme approved and revised costs obtained. Works due to commence Dec 08.</i></p> <p><i>Phase 3 Project brief agreed. Sketched design proposals produced for public consultation.</i></p>

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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	Amber	Green	Requires additional capacity to complete feasibility study (5 days) Scored by SCC Scored at level 2 by SCC Rights of Way scoring. Draft project brief in place. Project update report compiled.
25. Cockle Moor Bridge (project completion)	Project completed is	Contractor appointed by SCC	Red	Green	Work notified to SSDC delayed. Formal request for completion submitted. Pathway reinstated by SCC