

Appendix A**Somerset County Council functions to be exercised by Joint Area Committees**

- Discuss any matter of interest to the area
- Form working groups / panels
- Foster close working relationships with town and parish councils
- Bringing local views to bear on policy development /plans and strategic decision making and provide opportunities for public participation, working in collaboration with external agencies
- Monitor service delivery and performance of County Council /South Somerset District Council services in that area including monitoring local impact of services /budgets retained at the centre
- Submit to relevant executive ideas for improvements to services or innovative ways of working
- Formal consultee to the formulation of policies covering more than a single JAC area and relevant to that particular council
- Refer to the relevant executive matters impacting on more than one JAC
- Be responsible for local area aspects of the Sustainable Community Strategy
- To consider and make recommendations to the councils on how models of neighbourhood management and engagement can be developed to feed into JACs.
- To consider and make recommendations to the councils on the JAC's involvement in guiding / influencing officers when they are making delegated decisions.