

**JOINT AREA NORTH COMMITTEE  
25<sup>th</sup> February 2009**

**ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

The items for information do not form part of the agenda. Should Members have questions regarding any of the items please contact the officer shown underneath the relevant report. If, after discussing the item with the officer and it is felt appropriate, a Member may request an item to be considered at a future Committee meeting.

1. **Joint Area North Committee Action List – January 2009**
2. **Area North Grants – Update report**

## 1. Joint Area North Committee Action List from January 2009

Action	By who	Outcome
<p>That the following reports / agenda items be added to the Joint Area North Forward Plan:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Highway and planning issues surrounding the proposed 6<sup>th</sup> form College at Huish Episcopi and the impact of additional traffic on the junction of Field Road / Somerton Road, Huish Episcopi.</li> <li>• Emergency planning arrangements (civil contingencies) in Area North - a joint report</li> <li>• SCC service briefings</li> <li>• SSDC Portfolio Holder for Housing to be invited to attend the JAC to discuss the gypsy/ traveller accommodation report in context with regional and local policies</li> <li>• Points raised by Cllr Paull Robathan relating to the new Hospital at South Petherton.</li> </ul>	<p>Committee Administrator / Head of Area Development / Julian Gale - SCC</p>	<p>Reports added to JAC Forward Plan</p> <p><b>Updates:</b></p> <p>Re: Highways &amp; Planning issues at Field Road, Huish Episcopi – February JAC includes planning consultation for 6<sup>th</sup> Form College; briefing note on installation of roundabout to be supplied</p> <p>Re: Gypsy and traveller accommodation – the Portfolio Holder has indicated he will be pleased to attend. (Report to be scoped by Heads of Development Control, Planning Policy, Strategic Housing, and Head of Area Development, and in consultation with JAC members)</p>
<p>Chairman to write on behalf of the JAC to Tony Shire, SCC Portfolio Holder, to seek assurance that there will be no cut in the Highway service budget to deal with flooding related issues. <b>Letter sent 06/02/09 (attached)</b></p>	<p>Charlotte Jones / Cllr Patrick Palmer</p>	<p><i>Reply awaited</i></p>

Angela Cox  
Committee Administrator  
(01458) 257437

---

**Area North**

Old Kelways, Somerton Road, Langport TA10 9YE

Tel: (01935) 462462 Fax: (01458) 257474 Website: [www.southsomerset.gov.uk](http://www.southsomerset.gov.uk)

**Cllr Patrick Palmer**

*Chairman, Joint Area North Committee*



Councillor A Shire  
The Magnolias  
30 Barn Close  
Ilminster  
Somerset  
TA18 8BL

Date: 6<sup>th</sup> February 2009  
Our Ref: CJ/AC  
Ask For: Charlotte Jones  
Direct Line: 01458 257401  
e-mail : [charlotte.jones@southsomerset.gov.uk](mailto:charlotte.jones@southsomerset.gov.uk)

Dear Tony,

**HIGHWAY SERVICE BUDGETS FOR 2009/10**

At the first meeting of the Somerset County Council and South Somerset District Council Joint Area North Committee on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2009, a report was presented on Water Management and reducing Flood Risk within Area North of South Somerset District Council.

During open debate of the report, the heavy rainfall of 29<sup>th</sup> May and 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> December 2008 and the resulting flooding of many properties across South Somerset was discussed and Members sought re-assurance that SCC and SSSDC would continue to maintain the high level of service to the public in the event of another occurrence, particularly in relation to the clearing of gullies and jetting of drains.

As Somerset County Council Portfolio Holder for Highway Services, Councillors asked that I write to seek your assurance that there are no planned reductions to County Council budgets, during a difficult financial climate, with subsequent reduction in service in this vital emergency area.

I would be pleased if you would confirm current and planned service levels for 2009/10, and any other information that you feel would be of interest to the Joint Area Committee, and the communities it serves.

I look forward to hearing from you, and thank you for your attention.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "P. Palmer", written over a faint circular stamp.

Chairman of Joint Area North Committee

CC: Ioan Rees, Head of Highways, Environment Directorate, Somerset County Council

## 2. Area North Community Grants – Quarterly Update report

*Head of Service:* Charlotte Jones *Head of Area Development (North)*  
*Lead Officer (Grants Administration):* Madelaine King-Oakley, *Area Support Team Leader (North)*  
*Contact Details:* Madelaine.king-oakley@southsomerset.gov.uk or (01458) 257428

### **Purpose of the Report**

To provide details of the current position of Area North Community Grants programme.

This report is for information only. If there any issues which members wish to raise, this can be brought forward in a future report.

### **Background**

SSDC operates a Community Grants programme under a set of corporate grants policies. Each Area Committee receives an annual budget allocation, and in addition may use the capital programme to provide additional resources to community-led projects.

Since the establishment of the Joint Area Committee with Somerset County Council, decisions under this programme will be treated as excepted business for SSDC members only to vote on.

### **Report**

Appendix A includes a summary of community grants awarded by Area North, since April 2008.

This includes :-

- Grants awarded to date by the Area Committee
- Grants awarded by the Head of Area Development under delegated authority, in consultation with the ward member (or Chairman for area wide grants).

Members will also be aware that a number of small grants were awarded during the year using funding from the Area North Service Enhancement budget, under two programmes – ‘Supporting Older People’ and ‘Supporting Younger People’.

It is anticipated that the Area North Community Grants programme will be in the region of £30,000 for 2009/10. Additional SSDC funding for community projects is provided from the Healthy Living Pooled Fund, and the Village Halls programme.

### **Financial Implications**

None from this report

### **Implications for Corporate Priorities**

None from this report

## **Other Implications**

None from this report

***Background Papers:*** *SSDC Corporate Grants policies.*

---

APPENDIX A

<b>Grants awarded by the Area North Committee since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008</b>							
<b>Applicant / Group</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Grant awarded</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>% project cost</b>	<b>Current position</b>	<b>Allocated to revenue</b>	<b>Capital</b>
South Somerset Voluntary and Community Action	Operational costs of the Links community transport service	£5,000	Jul-08	17%	Project in progress	£5,000	
Petherton Arts Trust	Refurbishment of the David Hall	£5,000	Jul-08	25%	Part payments made		£5,000
Hambridge & Westport Parish Council	Installation of 2 street lighting units	£2,287	Sep-08	50%	Parish reviewing project	£2,287	
Ash Parish Council	Play equipment	£8,500	Aug-08	41%	Project in progress		£8,500
Montacute parish Council	Play equipment	£6,199	Aug-08	50%	Project in progress		£6,199
<b>Langport Area Development Trust</b>	<b>Operational costs of the Langport Community Office</b>	<b>£4,000</b>	<b>Oct-08</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>Project in progress</b>	<b>£4,000</b>	
<b>Martock Youth Project for 2008/09</b>	<b>Support for a youth Development Officer to provide a fully accessible Youth Centre</b>	<b>£4,000</b>	<b>Nov-08</b>	<b>4%</b>		<b>£4,000</b>	
<b>Fivehead Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA)</b>	<b>Conversion of the old tennis court into a Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)</b>	<b>£12,500</b>	<b>Jan-09</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>Project in progress</b>		<b>£12,500</b>
					<b>Grants awarded revenue</b>	£15,287	
<b>Revenue grants carry forwards from prior years</b>							
Somerset County Council	Leader+ Levels and Moors Programme					£5,318	
					<b>Total carry forwards</b>	£5,318	
<b>Delegated Grants* since 1st April 2008</b>							
<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Total cost</b>	<b>Grant awarded</b>	<b>% project cost</b>			
Trustees of Ilton Memorial Hall (Merryfield Hall)	Car Park Lighting for the village hall	£3,140	£ 750	24%	Project completed & paid		
South Petherton Parish Council	Youth Shelter at South Petherton Playing Field	£14,801	£ 750	5%	Project completed & paid		
Montacute Carnival Club	Materials to make village bunting	£1,749	£ 250	14%	Project completed & paid		
Aller Recreation Field Association	Additional seat in the playing field	£660	£ 330	50%	Project completed & paid		
Somerton Arts Festival	Support for Somerton Fun Day	£500	£ 250	50%	Project completed & paid		
Lopen Parish Council	Lopen Village Newsletter - Lopen Eye	£600	£ 300	50%	Project completed & paid		
Golden Oldies	Start up costs for Golden Oldies choir	£10,000	£ 500	5%	Project completed & paid		
Long Load Village Hall	Provision of Handrails at village hall	£350	£ 175	50%	Project completed & paid		
Martock Rugby Football Club Ltd	Community Rugby Coaching sessions	£24,000	£ 750	3%	Paid		
Friends of Ham Hill	Local Folklore Arts Project	£10,468	£ 500	5%	Project completed & paid		
<b>River Parrett Trail (SCC)</b>	<b>Cost of new leaflets</b>	<b>£2,000</b>	<b>£ 750</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>Project in progress</b>		
<b>High Ham Village Hall</b>	<b>Improvements to kitchen at Village Hall</b>	<b>£12,500</b>	<b>£ 750</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>Project completed &amp; paid</b>		
<b>Somerton Business and Trade Association</b>	<b>Somerton Tourist Leaflet</b>	<b>£3,500</b>	<b>£ 500</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>Project in progress</b>		
<b>South Petherton Bridge Club</b>	<b>Tables and equipment</b>	<b>£850</b>	<b>£ 150</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>Paid</b>		
<b>Somerset Art Works</b>	<b>Somerset Art Works hub development</b>	<b>£9,583</b>	<b>£ 750</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>Project in progress</b>		
					Total delegated to date	£ 7,455	
					Total revenue grants to date	£ 28,060	
					Opening balance	£ 36,560	
					Remaining budget	£ 8,500	

Applications in bold are new since last report.

\*Delegated grants are requests for £750 or under, which are delegated to officers after consultation with Area Chair, Portfolio holder or Ward Councillor as appropriate. Reported for information only.

**Business Grants awarded since 1st April 2008**

A&A Jewellery	Production and delivery of leaflet/training course	£995	£459	46% Paid
The Wyndham Arms	Repair of skittle alley	£513	£308	60% Paid
The Scrumper	Build website to promote delicatessen	£1,800	£500	28% Awaiting invoices
Zavial Designs	Adobe Design Software upgrade	£515	£309	60% Awaiting invoices
	Total delegated to date		£1,576	
	Opening balance		£6,153	
	Remaining budget		£4,577	