



Area West Development Plan 2008-09

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Area West Development

The Area Development Service aims to help our communities to develop and ensure that services and advice are available locally. More specifically, we support work that leads to improvement in the quality of life for those living and working in Area West. This involves developing and managing projects directly or providing planning and development support through partnership working.

The Area Development Service supports the Area West Committee to work with communities to influence the services that are delivered. Area Committees provide a key mechanism for Councillors to represent the views of their constituents and for local organizations to have their views taken into account in local decisions.

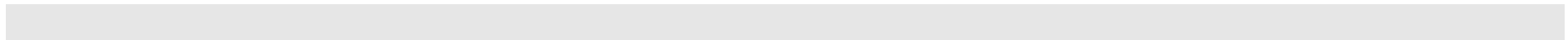
We work closely with Town and County Councils, with partnerships, organisations and individuals to help make our communities better, safer places to live in, to encourage business and trade, to help develop skills and improve the health of our citizens.

Community plans & community planning

Much of what we do currently concerns the development and realisation of the aspirations in local community plans and community planning activity and that is reflected in the Action Plan for 2007-8.

Our Resources

The work described in the action plan is resourced through an annual revenue budget and a capital programme that include funding from external sources



Action Plan for 2008/09

	Main Actions Proposed	Lead Officer	Output	Outcome	Risk
	Chard and surrounding villages (CHSV):				
1	<p>To facilitate the development of a Chard Vision Community Planning Partnership (CPP) involving local councils and ACT.</p> <p>The Vision for Chard will be developed by the partnership to create a comprehensive and coherent programme of social, environmental and economic projects. These are expected to include, but will not be limited to, proposals for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A Masterplan for Chard Town Centre Key Site ➤ A Masterplan for Chard Key Site ➤ Chard Enviro Centre (Business Incubation) ➤ The Boden Centre ➤ Crowshute House Arts Centre ➤ Improved Transport facilities, links and information for Chard and surrounding villages ➤ Development of potential projects to sustain the local economy ➤ A Chard Festival ➤ Chard Millennium/Jubilee Lamp Garden 	AG/LP/FT	<p>Constitution of the Partnership agreed.</p> <p>Project Management arrangements developed and agreed.</p> <p>Project Plans</p>	<p>The intended outcome of the Chard Vision project is to secure and deliver specific investment that will make CHSV a more attractive place to live, work and visit. This is a complex project and the outcome will be achieved in stages and over number of years.</p> <p>Further reports will be made as funding is secured to develop the overall project and its specific elements</p>	M

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2	<p>CHSV Community Forum - Encouraging community engagement in problem solving</p> <p>Arrange Community led problem solving event through public participation in an informal Town, District and County Council member forum.</p> <p>Aim to include information and choices about local delivery of SSDC services</p>	FT	A well planned, successful event	Community involvement in local decision making about scope and extent of local improvement schemes	L
3	<p>Chard Area Office - Development</p> <p>Promote increased local use</p>	PB	Create space to offer new services Improve opening hours	Increased local use	L
	Ilminster and surrounding villages (ILSV) :				
4	<p>Ilminster Community Plan -Development and delivery of the Community Plan in Ilminster & surrounding area.</p> <p>Further development of the Community Plan in Ilminster & surrounding area.</p> <p>To promote work in partnership with local councils and Ilminster Forum, that will include but is not limited to;</p> <p>Swimming pool feasibility study Sports Pavilion Street Furniture Survey Community Hall feasibility study</p>	ZH	<p>Project Plans, funding proposals</p> <p>Progress reports</p>	Targeted local investment in local improvement schemes	M

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5	<p>ILSV Community Forum - Encouraging community engagement in problem solving</p> <p>Arrange Community led problem solving event through public participation in an informal Town, District and County Council member led forum</p> <p>Aim to include information and choices about local delivery of SSDC services</p>	ZH	A well planned, successful event	Community involvement in local decision making about scope and extent of local improvement schemes	L
6	<p>Develop Ilminster Community Office</p> <p>Promote increased local use</p>	PB	Create space to offer new services Improve opening hours	Increased local use	L
7	Investigate feasibility of establishing a new Multi agency Community Office in Ilminster	ZH	Project brief & Options Appraisal	A fully accessible Community Office	H
	Crewkerne and surrounding villages (CRSV) :				
8	<p>Crewkerne Community Plan - to support the process, production and development of the Community Plan in Crewkerne & surrounding area.</p> <p>Further development of the Community Plan in Crewkerne & surrounding area.</p> <p>To promote work in partnership with local councils and A Better Crewkerne and District (ABCD)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Crewkerne Urban Development Framework ➤ Marketing Crewkerne as a Business Location ➤ Community Facility for Youth, Arts and Sports 	ZH	<p>Project Plans, funding proposals</p> <p>Progress reports</p>	Targeted local investment in local improvement schemes	M

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9	<p>Crewkerne Community Forum - Encouraging community engagement in problem solving</p> <p>Arrange Community led problem solving event through public participation in an informal Town, District and County Council member led forum</p> <p>Aim to include information and choices about local delivery of SSDC services</p>	ZH	A well planned, successful event	Community involvement in local decision making about scope and extent of local improvement schemes	L
10	<p>Crewkerne Community Office</p> <p>Promote increased local use</p>	PB	<p>Create space to offer new services</p> <p>Improve opening hours</p>	Increased local use	L
	Area-Wide Projects:				
11	Area West Community Safety Panel	ZH	Multi agency meetings held to address local Community Safety issues	Community Safety projects for Area West against Crime and Drugs Reduction Partnership budget allocation developed in response to local issues. Local Action Groups supported in each of the Market Towns	L

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12	Chard, Ilminster & Crewkerne Community Justice Panel	VK	Panels held	Low level crime and anti social behaviour addressed and dealt with effectively. Improved Community well being	L
13	Community Grants and funding advice Area West Committee will continue to support the development of community organisations and projects throughout the area.	ZH/FT	Grants are made available to local organisations and funding advice and assistance provided as resources permit.	Community projects take place	L
	District Wide Projects				
14	To include Chard, Ilminster and Crewkerne within the Vision for Market Towns , so common community planning issues can be more effectively addressed and economies of scale realised .	AG/ZH/FT	Common Issues addressed/resolved Investment in local projects – delivering economies of scale	Improved links with South Somerset Together LSP through the “Market Towns Investment Group” and agreement on a district wide programme of investment in Market Town initiatives that boost sustainability	M

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15	Support for Blackdown Hills Partnership	ZH	Partnership meetings attended.	Support for BHP is taken up as part of the emerging corporate SSDC rural strategy, with funding contributions from 2008 being met from corporate budget, rather than Area West	L
16	Wessex Way Cycle Route 33 (The Stop Line Way)	AG	Partnership meetings attended.	Agreement reached on the final sections of the route through South Somerset	H