



JOINT AREA COMMITTEE - WEST

SEPTEMBER 2009

ITEM FOR INFORMATION

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.

Chard Regeneration Scheme Update

Members will recall that LDA Design have been given a substantial commission to design deliverable Masterplans for Chard Town Centre and Chard Key Site, a related transport strategy within an overall design framework that is supported by the new Local Development Framework for South Somerset.

Between February and July 2009, draft plans and strategies have been worked up through discussion with many interested individuals and organisations, mediated through the Project Board, Officer Steering Groups, Town Team and Community Forum.

The draft plans contain many exciting and inspiring proposals. Andrew Gillespie or Rob Murray can provide more details on request.

The current phase of the project is to test these proposals to ensure that, in terms of finance and phasing, there are no barriers to implementation. The “testing” should be completed soon. Once it is clear that the core elements of the plans and strategies are not merely aspirational and that they can be delivered to allow Chard to grow, develop and regenerate, it will be time for the next phase of wider community consultation to take place.

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