

Reports from Theme Advisors on Achievements 2006/7

E Government - Councillor Peter Seib

- maintained oversight of general ICT issues by continuous liaison with Head of ICT and E Govt Services, Planning, Customer Services, Housing IT Project.
- advice to the Leader of the Council on specified topics where IT issues were identified e.g. move of ICT team/planning and the Local Government Review.
- Housing and choice Based Letting Systems – advised Portfolio Holder and Project team on software and integration issues.
- worked with Planning on their web site re-design and the use of ICT for member consultations.
- supported the development of member pages by Democratic Services.
- supported the roll out of GWAVA protection to members and development of policy for member ICT, e-mail access for the new Council.
- conducted research on e government tools and advised relevant officers, including attendance at IDeA Conference.
- in general the Theme Advisor has been available as a sounding board for officers and also representing the interests of elected members as a user group.

Older and Younger People (Health and Well Being) - Councillor Maggie Foot

- the remit of the role was extended to cover issues of health and well-being.
- instigated, and was involved in the development of, the Health and Well Being Strategy. This was subsequently adopted by the District Executive in March 2007.
- sought and obtained agreement for feasibility funding for potential development of Foundry House in Yeovil as a Health and Well Being Centre. The Theme Advisor was involved in many discussions about this project.
- involved in the work of the three healthy living centres and the development of SHINE
- represented the Council at a youth seminar in Lyon and reported back to the Council.
- worked with the Scrutiny Commission, which examined the role of the Housing Advice Centre.

Social Inclusion - Councillor Anne Campbell

- worked on the real nappy project
- looking to develop a multi agency team approach to housing hard to house residents.

- worked with, and advised, the Disability Forum.
- assisted on the affordable warmth project making sure that all members had information on how to help residents.
- helped convene Home Aid Group, which was now established.
- worked with and helped establish the Play Strategy Group which was now up and running.
- worked as part of the Choice Based Lettings group looking after the interests of vulnerable clients.
- member of the group which developed the Play Policy and Strategy, which was adopted by District Executive in March 2007.
- member of the Choice based Letting Policy Making Group.
- involved in the Scrutiny Commission looking at the Housing Advice Centre,

Social Inclusion Jan - May 2006 - Councillor Jo Roundell Greene

- Lead Member on Choice Based Lettings initiative, and Affordable Warmth Partnership
- Worked closely with the Portfolio Holder on Housing issues
- Worked on Equalities and Diversity policy
- Worked on Choice Based Lettings with other District Councils

Community Safety – Councillor Alan Smith

- attend area meetings of the Community Safety Partnership Panels.
- work closely with the Portfolio Holder on community safety matters
- attend meetings with outside bodies as required.
- represent the District Council at new forms of community meetings, which are being co-ordinated by the police. These meetings are being piloted in Yeovil to allow local communities to raise matters of concern particularly in relation to community safety. The Theme Advisor would also be looking to promote the roll out of these meetings across the district.
- meet with local businesses to discuss community safety matters.