

Monthly Performance

Snapshot



This monthly snapshot shows our recent performance:

- An average of just **8 days** to process Housing Benefit new claims and changes in circumstances. This figure has been maintained for the last three months.
- Over 23,000 tickets already sold in advance of the official release of the Octagon Winter/Spring 2015 Theatre Brochure. It is clear that patrons are loving what Somerset's Premier Theatre has to offer and are looking forward to many nights of first class entertainment to brighten those Winter evenings. The Octagon Theatre is owned by the residents of South Somerset and managed by South Somerset District Council.
- The Environmental Protection team responded to 86 requests for services relating to a range of pollution matters from noisy neighbours to oil spills, an increase of 23% from last year.
- September saw a large increase in the amount of planning fees received by the council as a result of an increase in the submission of applications. The Council received approximately £200k, as opposed to £70k received in September 2013. Whilst this does have workload implications, this additional income is beneficial to the whole council and demonstrates the increased confidence in the development industry.

Latest headlines:

- Total Job Seekers Allowance claimants are down to just 0.8% in September. A drop of 0.1% on the previous month. Just 461 males and 333 females now claiming JSA in South Somerset. Nationally the figure is 2.2% and in the South West 1.3%.
- South Somerset District Council welcomed the Citizens Advice Bureau to its Advice HUB at Petters House, Yeovil. CAB opened its new office on the ground floor of Petters House on Monday 29th September and is expected to increase footfall into the building to over 2,000 visitors a week.
- Yeovil Literary Festival will take place at the Octagon Theatre on 6th – 9th November. Speakers include David Mitchell, Michael Portillo, Shirley Williams, Jonathan Dimbleby, Polly Toynbee and many local authors. As of 23rd October ticket sales are over 2,500 for the performances but expected to rise considerably over the coming weeks heading towards the start of the festival.
- A new floodlit multi-court and skate park floodlighting has been supported and delivered at Cale Park in conjunction with Wincanton Town Council. A new £330k Artificial Grass Pitch project was also completed and opened at Westfield Academy, Yeovil. Approximately 48% (£140k) of funding was made available from SSDC through developer contributions (£84k) and capital funding (£56k).