

Area East Chapter 2019/20

Green = Completed
Amber = on target
Red = likely to continue into next year

| Project description | Lead Officer | Lead Service | Qtr 1 Overview | Qtr 2 Overview | Qtr 3 Overview | End of year overview | Progress |
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| Economy | | | | | | | |
| Engage the substantial attractions in Area East to develop the overall destination offer for South Somerset and better market this throughout 2019 focusing on unique experiences. | Katy Menday | Leisure and Recreation | Meetings completed with team at The Newt in Somerset and Tourism familiarisation visits being organised for Tourist Information Centre team. Development of walking opportunities discussed and feeding into Tourism service plan. | Tourism visit completed and Newt publicity materials held by TICS. Dialogue with Candide and Newt over Somerset Gardens leaflet 2020. | S W Heritage Trust is reviewing the Roman collection at CHAC with a view to potential loans to the Newt's new garden museum. Poor take up for garden publications adverts from Newt and Hauser and Wirth sadly. Good business visit to Mill on the Brue with positive outcomes. | Joint working on the 2020 Visit Somerset publication to ensure that all attractions covered. S W Heritage Trust advisors have supported local heritage attractions with marketing. Haynes were due to host the 2020 Leaflet Exchange but had to be cancelled due to Covid19. Gardens 2020 publication put on hold and will deliver for end of 2020 and 2021 to help in recovery phase for Gardens attractions. | |
| Work towards providing employment land and business units of appropriate sizes readily available for uptake by business and residents. | Peter Paddon | Economy | Project being scoped to review existing supply (built) and potential (with planning permission/allocations/ Employment Land Review) with demand. Also discussions ongoing with SCC to bring forward designated employment site at Torbay IE in Castle Cary. Plus supported planning application for multiple occupancy office hub and 7 light industrial units in Bruton. Supporting Queen Camel Community Land Trust in their proposal to transform the old primary school into an educational enterprise hub to provide space for businesses to develop with a focus on artisan businesses. | Supported planning application for multiple occupancy office hub and 7 light industrial units in Bruton (permission granted July 19). | Discussions ongoing with SCC to bring forward designated employment land at Torbay IE, Castle Cary. | Supported planning application for multiple occupancy office hub and 7 light industrial units in Bruton (permission granted July 19). Also planning approved for outline application for business industrial use at Cadbury Business Park. | |
| Continue to support key businesses including work with the Chamber of Commerce and other partners. | Peter Paddon | Economy | Included in the new key account management activity which has commenced in Q1. | Worked with key Wincanton town centre businesses, Chamber of Commerce and Town Council to produce the Wincanton Town Centre Regeneration Strategy. | So far 8 Area East businesses had one to one meetings as part of key account activity. | Worked with key Wincanton town centre businesses, Chamber of Commerce and Town Council to produce the Wincanton Town Centre Regeneration Strategy. Also 15 Area East businesses had one to one meetings as part of key account activity. | |
| Environment | | | | | | | |
| Support the completion of the Neighbourhood Plans in Queen Camel and Castle Cary. | Anna-Maria Lenz | Strategy & Commissioning | Queen Camel Parish Council is consulting on the pre-submission draft of the Queen Camel Neighbourhood Plan and accompanying Strategic Environmental Assessment - closing date for comments is the 14th July. Castle Cary will be holding a referendum on the 30th July | The Castle Cary NHP has now been made, no further update on Queen Camel | Queen Camel have submitted their plan to the District Council in accordance with the Regulation 15. The District Council will publicise the plan for consultation for a period of 6 weeks from 27th January. | Queen Camel Submission Plan publicised for six week period and representations sent, along with the Submission documents, to the Examiner. Awaiting her final report. | |
| Continue to support volunteers at Moldrams Ground. | Katy Menday | Leisure and Recreation | New volunteers recruited and helping with species surveys and listings for the site. | Summer volunteer days arranged and species surveys completed. | Practical and surveying days ongoing at the site. | Volunteers continue to support practical work and surveying at Moldrams Ground. Volunteering suspended in March 2020 due to Covid19 outbreak. | |
| Promote opportunities for enhanced service delivery through SSDC Environmental Services offer including parish warden scheme. | Tim Cook / Chris Cooper | Locality / Environmental Services | Promotion ongoing through conversations with Town and Parish councils and through the Annual Parish Meetings intended for the Autumn | Annual Town & Parish meetings arranged for October 19 | No further update | There has been no enquires this year | |
| Housing | | | | | | | |
| Support existing Community Land Trusts in Queen Camel and Charlton Horethorne. | Jo Calvert | Strategy & Commissioning | Nothing to update on Queen Camel CLT or Charlton Horethorne CLT at the moment | No further update | No further update | Progress has been slow regarding the CLT's and there is no movement to report. Affordable Housing Reports were presented at Committee in February 2020 | |
| Complete Housing Needs Surveys when requested. | Tim Cook / Kirsty Larkins | Locality / Case Services | None received to date. Promotion through Parish & Town Council communications and Annual Parish Meetings in the Autumn | None received in Q2. Annual Town & Parish meetings arranged for October 19 | None received in Q3. | There were no housing need survey requests this year | |
| Healthy, Self-reliant Communities | | | | | | | |
| To support work towards provision of an artificial grass pitch available to the community in area east. | Rob Parr | Locality | Work not started. Look at feasibility study in Autumn/Winter | As part of the National Football Facilities Strategy, The Football Association has committed to developing a Local Football Facility Plan (LFFP) for all Local Authorities by 2020. SSDC and other partners will need the LFFP to highlight where and how money can be invested. The first steering group meeting for South Somerset is anticipated in early January 2020, with the LFFP process looking to conclude by Spring 2020. Therefore depending on outcomes of the LFFP, a feasibility study could follow in 2020 should a strategic need be identified through the LFFP process. England Hockey have confirmed that the hockey club in Wincanton now ceases to exist. | No further update | As part of the National Football Facilities Strategy, The Football Association has committed to developing a Local Football Facility Plan (LFFP) for all Local Authorities by 2020. According to the FA's consultants KKP, the early feedback as part of the LFFP process, is a lack of AGP's nationally. SSDC and other partners will need the completed LFFP to highlight where and how money can be invested. The first steering group meeting for South Somerset took place in early January 2020, but due to COVID19 the completion of the LFFP process is likely to be delayed a couple of months and is now expected to conclude in the summer 2020. Therefore depending on outcomes of the LFFP, a feasibility study could follow later in 2020 should a strategic need be identified | |
| Support a range of improvements to community facilities. - Programme of live schemes to be set out in Appendix A. | Tim Cook | Locality | See appendix A | See appendix A | See appendix A | Reviewed in Appendix A and B | |
| Work with Wincanton Rec Trust to develop sustainable management model and use of the site | Tim Cook | Locality | Support provided to the group, however there are ongoing issues with governance of Trust. | No further update | No further update | No further progress. | |
| Work with the Balsam Centre to develop a local services hub. | Sharon Jones | Customer Focus | Work ongoing with Customers Access Points | Currently negotiating touchdown space and Customer Access Point. Likely to open in Q3 subject to AEC agreement | Customer Access Point to move from Churchfields to Balsam Centre in Q.4 | We are still working towards moving the CAP from Churchfields to the Balsam Centre but this is on hold at the moment due to Covid-19 | |

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| Improve community transport links | Dave Crisfield | Strategy & Commissioning | We will look at this as part of the needs assessment work for Council Plan Priority 6 - to assess options for improving community transport links. Lynda P to set up a Healthy Self Reliant Community Communities of Practice (COP) sub group to progress as per the Council plan key milestones. | Due to case officer availability, a start on work to audit community transport provision and review best practice was delayed until September 19 but is now underway. Once this work is complete, an assessment of demand/need will be undertaken in Q3. | Audit of current Community Transport provision and of elected members specific concerns currently underway via SMART Survey. Surveys will be completed and analysed in Q4. | Surveys of elected members and Community Transport providers completed. Survey of wider VCS who own vehicles which could be used for Community Transport purposes commenced but due to Covid19 has stalled. Other pieces of desktop research also completed. The original target date of June 2020 to publish report with recommendations now likely to be delayed due to Covid19, as both Specialist and Case Work support to the project have been either redeployed into other service areas or are working directly on Covid19 activities. Furthermore other key stakeholders are either currently focused on Covid19 activity or have been stood down due to the virus. Clearer position will be available by end of Q1 of 2020/21. | |
| Increase the network of volunteer led health walks through promotion, training and support. | Julia Booth | Locality | 27 Health Walks being supported - 4 x Bruton, 1 x Castle Cary, 2 x Milborne Port, 2 x Queen Camel, 1 x Stokehill, 13 x Wincanton, 3 x Wincanton Buggy. Volunteer workshop held in May for existing volunteers. Another workshop planned in late summer to encourage new volunteers leaders. | Healthy Walk leaders celebration event held in September to encourage networking. 50 attendees from across South Somerset, including Mendip, Sedgemoor and Taunton. 1 x new walk at Queen Camel Health centre being developed. | Health walk leader training session held in December. 21 volunteers attended. New walk group starting in January 2020 from Queen Camel Medical Centre. | Full engagement and sessions with health walkers and trainers were held throughout the year, resulting in more health walks being supported in South Somerset than other Somerset areas. There are currently 38 Walk Leaders and 1500 walk participants throughout Area East | |
| Deliver 8 Play days in towns/villages in Area East. | Steve Barnes | Locality | Play days booked for the Summer in Bruton, Castle Cary, Wincanton, Milborne Port, Sparkford, Charlton Adam, Mudford, Ilchester + 1 x youth day Milborne Port | Successful playdays held in Area East. | Project complete | Playdays within Area East were either organised or supported by SSDC. Weather was generally good this year and approximately 3000 children and young people attended these events. | |
| Appendix A - Programme of live schemes | | | | | | | |
| S106 funded projects | | | | | | | |
| Advice and support to group, facilitate project management and transfer of S106 funding to Wincanton New Barns play area | Rob Parr | Locality | Adoption documents with legal. Sketch design completed. | Conveyance of site is with Legal Services. Sketch design of the Play Area has been produced and a working group from Wincanton Town Council have been consulted. Once the land is secured by SSDC a wider public consultation of the plans will be carried out. | Conveyance of land has been parked by Legal Services on instruction of director. | Conveyance of land has now been recommended. | |
| Advice and support to group and facilitate transfer of S106 funding and possible community grant to deliver the project to Kingsdon Village Hall project | Rob Parr | Locality | Meetings held to look at different locations for new hall. Project to also include relocation of shop | Preferred location for new village hall identified and now viability being explored in more detail | Planning application has been submitted with a proposed location for a new village hall. | The Planning Application Ref: 19/02888/OUT relates to a residential development to include site provision for a new Village Hall. Awaiting outcome of planning application | |
| Advice and support to group, facilitate project management and transfer of S106 funding to Milborne Port Springfield Rec play area | Rob Parr | Locality | Waiting to hear from Parish Council to progress project | No change. PC have had a change of clerk which may have delayed progress | Meeting with parish clerk planned for January 2020. | Meetings have been held with representatives of the PC. They have obtained quotes to have sites surveyed and this will hopefully take place in the spring. | |
| Advice and support to group, facilitate project management and transfer of S106 funding to Donald Pither Pavilion project | Jake Hannis / Rob Parr | Locality | Waiting to hear from Town Council to progress project. Developer to be invoiced for S106 contribution. | Had first project meeting on 18th July with CTC and cricket and bowls club to look at the plans that have been developed by Slade Parry. Feedback provided, concerned about cost, but have agreed that an alternative option of using current pavilion is developed. S106 account updated for CCTC and also project programme example provided. £181,000 has now been received from developer for Well Farm development, which will enable community hall, play, youth facilities, changing room and playing pitch projects to be developed. Met with rep from CC Community Hall and CCTC in September to discuss funding for community hall projects. | An alternative plan has been produced for the pavilion following the last meeting in July, which uses the current pavilion but re-working the internal layout. JH has requested that CTC have another meeting with cricket and football clubs to look at the plans. | Meeting held with representatives of PC and awaiting further updates from them. | |
| Advice and support to group, facilitate project management and transfer of S106 funding to Milborne Port playing pitch and pavilion Springfield Rec | Rob Parr | Locality | Initial meetings held with Parish Council. Developing plans. | S106 Capital & Revenue Award issued by SSDC and accepted by Parish Council. Works expected to start next spring | Meeting with parish clerk planned for January 2020. | S106 capital awarded and accepted. Works can proceed as and when the Parish are ready. | |
| Advice and support to Parish Councils and transfer of S106 funding to Community hall provision within Castle Cary and Ansford | Terena Isaacs | Locality | N/A | N/A | CTC and Ansford PC have agreed resolutions that all S106 funding from developments in Castle Cary & Ansford for community halls goes to the extension at Caryford Community Halls. S106 application received and being processed | 3 phase project. Phase 1 complete - consisted of kitchen, plant room and cleaner store. Phase 2 - new extension for meeting rooms not yet started. £130,000 external funding secured. £40,000 SSDC Capital grant awarded and £45,000 S106 funding awarded. There is likely to be further S106 funding in the pipeline from some of the big developments in Castle Cary. | |
| Advice and support to Parish Councils and transfer of S106 funding to equipped play provision within Castle Cary and Ansford | Rob Parr | Locality | N/A | N/A | CTC and Ansford PC work together to produce a joint strategy to cover use of the total amount of S106 funding available for equipped play. | CTC are currently working up proposals for their play area. Meeting held in March 2020 and now waiting for further information from the Parish Councils | |
| Project support | | | | | | | |
| Advice and support to group, project manage delivery of permissive path and transfer of capital funding at Wincanton Common Road footpath | Rob Parr | Locality | Economic Development to arrange meeting with stakeholders | Stakeholder meeting not yet held. Detailed plans required to move project forward. Looking to progress project in Q3 | Awaiting guidance on whether to progress or not. | Stalled due to local interest. Review requirements and need for the scheme. | |
| Wayside farm development - play area and open space | Rob Parr | Locality | Instruction to legal for transfer of play area and open space | Ongoing. Legal Services progressing land transfer | Legal services have parked conveyance work following guidance from director | Legal services have been released and are currently working to complete legal transfer of the play area and open space | |