

Appendix A – Revised Priority Project 1 including outcomes and key milestones

Priority Project 1: Lead the recovery and revitalisation of our economy and communities to be stronger, more resilient and more vibrant than before Covid-19

Project outcomes:

- To support unemployed individuals into work, education or training
- To provide support to businesses adversely impacted by the Covid 19 pandemic
- To facilitate the increase of digital infrastructure availability and associated digital skills in identified underserved areas
- To support key community-based providers at district and local level to deliver extended essential social and wellbeing services with our communities
- To facilitate provision for young adults with the targeted proactive employment support and wellbeing opportunities required to maintain their social involvement.
- Develop and deliver collaborative prevention work with private sector tenants and landlords to prevent an increase in Covid-related homelessness.

Q1: April, May, June – included for reference only

- Submit a funding application to the Department for Work and Pensions to create three Employment Hubs in Yeovil, Chard and Wincanton
- To progress South Somerset's Redundancy Task Force to deliver a partnership programme of support to unemployed individuals in alignment with our redundancy response roadmap
- To launch two grant funding schemes for businesses within South Somerset
- To survey Somerset businesses on the effects of the Covid 19 pandemic
- Agree and provide additional financial support to extended support activity by the key district-wide community providers
- Request bids from a range of local providers to pilot innovative wellbeing activities with young adults.

Q2: July, August, September

- Subject to funding, launch Employment Hubs within Yeovil, Chard and Wincanton in combination with increased local wellbeing support for young adults
- Review the current level of unemployment support in context with the ending of the furlough support scheme
- To evaluate the discretionary grant funding provision and re-launch a scheme that reflects the needs of local businesses



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- Re-design and re-launch a programme of wellbeing activities including health walks, Careline and access to leisure schemes
- Review the actions of key community-infrastructure providers and recommend a durable funding solution.
- Review internal budgets to release additional investment funding to support the district's recovery and provide a dynamic platform for future years

Q3: October, November, December

- To review the socio-economic effects of the Covid 19 pandemic and update key project milestones for Q3 and Q4
- Subject to funding, launch a business support scheme including a new cohort of Somerset Catalyst Entrepreneurs
- Subject to funding, launch a programme of digital skills support
- Commence delivery of an Enterprise, Innovation and Skills Action Plan to kick-start revitalisation and growth
- Undertake a rapid review of the supported wellbeing and community action to capture learning and to facilitate the development of future funding applications.
- Complete the commissioning of future support for key local community infrastructure to provide greater stability and encourage investment.
- Develop with key local stakeholders a local health and wellbeing framework to frame and focus future implementation locally

Q4: January, February, March

- To review the ongoing socio-economic effects of the Covid 19 pandemic and establish key project milestones for Q4 and 2022/23
- Develop a recovery exit action plan based upon future funding opportunities e.g Levelling Up Fund and UK Shared Prosperity Fund etc.