

Appendix A				
	<b>Area South Chapter 2021-2022</b>			
		<b>Area + Team</b>		
	<b>Project description</b>	<b>Lead Officer</b>	<b>Lead Service</b>	<b>Half yearly update</b>
<b>Economy</b>	Continue to support key businesses including work with the Chamber of Commerce and other partners	Joe Walsh	Economy	Attendance at regular Yeovil Chamber Events. Positions on: Yeovil Chamber Executive Committee, Manufacturing Hub Steering Group and the South Somerset Place Leadership Group.
	Support others to deliver Town Centre Event	Joe Walsh	Economy	Events programme currently being delivered by Love Yeovil to adhere to Government Guidance. 'Welcome Back' funding has also been awarded to Love Yeovil to continue to deliver events and marketing throughout the remainder of this year, this will include stakeholder/retail engagement .
	To implement tailored Covid 19 Economic Recovery programmes that suit the needs of local businesses	Joe Walsh	Economy	Mandatory grant funding through the 'Restart Grant' administered and delivered to businesses. Discretionary Grant Fund administered and delivered to businesses. Various support initiatives promoted to businesses to support recovery and growth. Work underway to determine future spend of remaining Additional Restrictions Grant Funding to ensure suitable grant schemes are in place to support businesses through recovery, revitalisation and growth.
	To support the Manufacturing Hub (M-Hub) in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce and private sector businesses	Joe Walsh	Economy	SSDC continue to support M-Hub with a £5,000 allocation of funding to support the administration and growth of the network. Officer sits on the Steering Group. To date 4 formal events have taken place this year with various newsletters, and networking opportunities also provided.
	Support Love Yeovil to deliver events and community benefit within the town	Joe Walsh	Economy	Funding provided to Love Yeovil to deliver benefit to the town centre. Ongoing work to ensure this is Covid compliant and suitable for the town. Events aimed at wellbeing are being planned.
	To work with education providers in Area South including Yeovil College to provide skills for the future to local residents	Joe Walsh	Economy	Work continues with various partners, including Yeovil College, to inform them of SSDC's knowledge of labour market needs. A different picture to what was expected regarding unemployment, with labour market shortages in key sectors being more of an issue. Work is focused on providing unemployed individuals with the support required to transition into employment.

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	To support the local food and drink sector through the Food and Drink directory	Joe Walsh	Economy	Work is ongoing with the Tourism department to upload businesses to an online map that will feature within the new tourism website. Take up of the opportunity has not been as high as expected and promotion is required to increase membership. Currently being promoted via 'Get Sussed. and business newsletters.
Environment	Support community led initiatives that contribute towards combatting climate change	Tim Cook	Locality	No requests received to date. The ability for community groups to delivery projects is still likely to be hindered due to the pandemic.
	To deliver with partners a range of ecological improvements to upper Milford Valley	Steve Fox	Environment Services	Some arboricultural works has been undertaken and works are planned for the winter / spring period
	To support partners in delivering the Westfield Community Association pocket park	Beth Poole	Locality	Following COVID disruption, activity on site has now resumed. Perimeter fencing now installed, with further fencing to be acquired, a path laid and the zones starting to take shape. A recent volunteer recruitment evening was well attended, and activities are ongoing to re-engage the community on site and renew local support for the project.
	Deliver a range of wellbeing sessions and practical volunteering at Yeovil Country Park to support Covid recovery, offering engagement with nature and offering sessions to key workers and their families. Supported by Yeovil Town Council.	Katy Menday	Leisure & Recreation	Summer events underway and well received. Bat walks, woodland wellbeing, pop up museum and other bookable events all available throughout July and August once restrictions allowed.
	Campaign and engage with Town and Parish Councils and residents around local enforcement related issues	Clare Warman	Locality	Liaison with 5 Town/Parish councils around dog fouling / littering. A total of 15 Patrols have taken place where signage has been erected and footpaths cleared of mess. 1 re-site of bin as of this date. Public liaison takes place during our patrols, more knowledge is gathered over problem areas which are then followed up. Area South hosted a playday event where the "Bin-It Bug" competition was introduced. A competition to engage our little people and educate on the importance of not littering and recycling where possible. Area South received over 100 entries at this event. Patrols with PCSO's have also taken place around Yeovil Town Centre with reference to Anti-Social Behaviour.
Housing	To proactively interact on the progress of targeted housing sites in the area	Peter Paddon	Place and Recovery	Focus will be key sites at Keyford and Mudford
	To support communities to identify and enable appropriate development in rural areas around Yeovil and support community land trust proposals to meet this demand	Peter Paddon	Place and Recovery	We continue to provide advice and guidance as needed and have had an early stage enquiry
	Encourage delivery of Yeovil key site including infrastructure funding needed to unblock delay	Peter Paddon	Place and Recovery	Further work is required at Keyford and Mudford regarding phosphate mitigation and section 106 work before planning can be finalised and construction commenced
	Support a range of improvements to community facilities through S106 and Community grants	Tim Cook	Locality	Please see S106 and Community projects below

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<b>Healthy, Self-reliant Communities</b>	Work towards replacement of wheeled play provisions at Milford, Yew Tree and Oaktree parks (Skate parks)	Steve Barnes	Locality	Tender has been sent out. Selection process for the company to deliver the Skate Parks will be chosen in the near future.
	Support the delivery of community facilities at Wyndham Park (subject to detailed land negotiation) as well as West Coker Pavilion and Recreation Ground	Steve Barnes	Locality	Support and investigation of various issues ongoing.
	Finalise funding package for pavilion improvements at Yeovil Recreation Centre, construct a new community space and café to open in Summer 2021	Katy Menday	Leisure & Recreation	Project complete. Cafe opened 14th July and formal opening 25th August.
	Work with Yeovil Connect to tackle health and inequality	Leigh Rampton	Communities	
	Maintain the network of volunteer led health walks through promotion, training and support.	Julia Guy	Locality	We have 4 walks in Area South and a new one due to start up soon. Attendance is good with over 300 walkers in the first quarter from April to July.
	Deliver the National Play Day	Julia Guy	Locality	National Play day was not delivered due to uncertainty around Covid restrictions. A successful smaller Play day event was held at Yew Tree park in the summer instead
	Deliver six free family wildlife sessions at Riverside Park; support Yeovil schools in delivering developmental forest school activities and run five large public events at Yeovil Country Park	Katy Menday	Leisure & Recreation	Delayed until Autumn 2021 due to Covid restrictions at end of summer term. Plan in place for session role out from September and public events in October half term.
	Deliver twice weekly volunteering opportunities at Yeovil Country Park. Seek funding and opportunities to expand the volunteering support programme	Katy Menday	Leisure & Recreation	Volunteering returned and sessions oversubscribed. Building capacity within staff team to support extra participants.
	Develop and commence delivery of an intergenerational project working in partnership with South Somerset Heritage Collection to use their collection as inspiration for a project linking 7 care homes and 7 schools or youth groups across Yeovil	Katy Menday	Strategy & Commissioning	Project paused due to change in staff. Will recommence once new Community Heritage Officer appointed.
	Change the name of CHAC to South Somerset Heritage Collection and relaunch on new web pages with a digital archive. Promote the heritage collection and research resources through community talks and engagement	Katy Menday	Leisure & Recreation	Name changed on museum accreditation list. New logo created and digital archive placed on new visitsouthsomerset.com webpages
Improving opportunities for non-car transport including walking and cycling	Jess Power/Charlotte Fry	Strategy & Commissioning	Project paused due to change in staff. Will look at picking this up again this autumn.	
<b>Project support</b>	Community grant - advice and support to Yeovil Swan Theatre for ventilation improvements	Nathan Turnball	Locality	Funding awarded. Project completed and full payment made
	Yeovil Multi Cultural event	Beth Poole	Locality	Yeovil Together was held on 28/08/2021. It was attended by an estimated 400 people, and feedback was very positive with hopes for the event to become an annual fixture. £413.56 was raised for the Yeovil's Lord's Larder food bank.