

Appendix A				
Area East Chapter 2021-22		Area + Team		
	Project description	Lead Officer	Lead Service	Half yearly update
Economy	To implement specific Covid-19 Economic Recovery programmes that suit the needs based on the local impact on 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. WBF has been offered to eligible town councils in order to make improvements to their high street to aid recovery.
	Work towards providing employment land and business units of appropriate sizes readily available for uptake by business and residents	Joe Walsh	Economy	Supporting Somerset County Council where required on the Bruton Enterprise Centre that has recently opened. Work continues to explore town centre work space. Working closely with SSDC's Planning Team to support where necessary.
	Continue to support key businesses including work with the Chamber of Commerce and other partners	Joe Walsh	Economy	Attendance at local Chambers and Business Groups, good connections through the Regeneration Team. Officers continue to hold positions on the Manufacturing Hub Steering Group and the South Somerset Place Leadership Group.
	To pilot circular initiatives that have economic and social benefits including the promotion of repair, re-use, recycle	Joe Walsh	Economy	Environmental projects, including circular initiatives, are being included within the Market Towns Investment Group funding in partnership with Town Councils.
	To support the creation of business directories to support; the food and drink sector, tourism sector and environmental / green energy sector.	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 combat climate change	Tim Cook	Locality	Support provided through MTIG funding for Wincanton Bike and Benches project. Other grant requests received and awaiting assessment/award
	Support the community led Active Travel projects (Wincanton to Bruton, Limington to Yeovil and Milborne Port to Sherborne	Jess Power/Charlotte Fry	Strategy & Commissioning	Work on Bruton to Wincanton route in progress and has expanded to continue the route to Henstridge. Meeting arranged to help the Milborne route move forward.
	Produce a Local cycling and walking infrastructure plan for Wincanton (funding dependent)	Jess Power/Charlotte Fry	Strategy & Commissioning	Project paused due to change in staff. Will look at picking this up again this autumn.
	Deliver species monitoring training for Countryside staff and volunteers to enable them to carry out protected species monitoring and habitat enhancement work at	Katy Menday	Leisure & Recreation	Covid restrictions delayed training opportunities. Planned for autumn 2021.
	To support community groups and Environment Champions to deliver a range of ecological and environmental improvements across the Area	Katy Menday	Leisure & Recreation	Parish Environment champions supported through Get Sussed newsletter, events, spring resource pack and opportunity to participate in No Mow trials.
	Promote and support partners in delivering environmental improvements to Blackmoor Drive pond	Steve Fox	Environment Services	These are predominantly winter planned works

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	Campaign and engage with Town and Parish Councils and residents around local enforcement related issues	Clare Warman	Locality	Liaison with 6 Town/Parish Councils within Area East, 10 patrols have taken place so far. 1 x new DF bin, 1 re-site and 1 suggested re-site. Education and liaison with the public re littering / dog foul occurs when patrolling. Area East also hosted a Playday Event where the "Bin-It Bug" competition was introduced - to educate our little people on the importance of not dropping litter / picking up dog foul and recycling. Over 100 entries were submitted from Area East..
Housing	To proactively intervene on the progress of targeted housing sites in the area.	Peter Paddon	Place and Recovery	No specific sites with issues other than phosphates identified
	To support the communities to enable suitable and appropriate development in rural areas and support community land trust proposals.	Peter Paddon	Place and Recovery	Charlton Horethorne CLT are working with Land owners to secure a piece of land to enable them to proceed with a development of affordable housing. We have also authorised a small grant for operational costs and expect a grant application for feasibility work once the land has been secured.
	Enable the delivery of good quality housing in appropriate places across all tenures, to meet community needs.	Peter Paddon	Place and Recovery	We always ensure that we get the best mix and type of accommodation during planning consultations for applications submitted and work closely with Registered Providers to achieve this.
	To strive to minimise the carbon footprint of all housing. Working towards Zero emissions.	Peter Paddon	Place and Recovery	We work closely with the registered providers on developments to minimise the carbon footprint, this is also their aim and so always strive to be as energy efficient as possible
	Support Neighbourhood planning as a tool to deliver suitable and appropriate local housing.	Peter Paddon	Place and Recovery	Queen Camel have had a referendum in May 2021 and their NHP has now been made, North Cadbury and Yarlington have had their NHP regulation 14 consultation in June - August 2021 (with an extension to September 2021 for additional evidence), Milborne Port has had the NH area designated in December 2019 and now able to commence work on their NHP. Keinton Mandeville have had their NH area designated in September 2021 and will now be able to start work on their NHP.
	Work closely with Parish and Town Councils of Castle Cary and Ansford on new housing sites	Peter Paddon	Place and Recovery	we will make sure that the parish and town council are consulted/contacted on any areas regarding housing that may affect the parish - this was done previously when tenure was changed on a site in Castle Cary
	To Pilot a programme for additional planning guidance for Members	Peter Paddon	Place and Recovery	This is being looked at on an SSDC basis and a pilot has not been commenced as yet
	Pilot project to facilitate communities to give advice and improve energy efficiency measures in existing housing stock by identifying heat loss through the use of tools such as thermal imaging	Tim Cook	Environment	Progress on this scheme provided in a seperated report on this agenda.

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Healthy, Self-reliant Communities	Support a range of improvements to community facilities through S106 and Community grant	Tim Cook	Locality	Please see S106 and Community projects below
	Continue to support the South Somerset community accessible transport scheme	Jess Power/Charlotte Fry	Strategy & Commissioning	No support requests received since recent staff changes.
	Maintain the network of volunteer led health walks through promotion, training and support	Julia Guy	Locality	Health Walks have restarted after coded. We have 3 Health Walks in Area East with good attendance of over 300 walkers during the first quarter from March to July.
	Deliver a programme of Play Days in towns/villages in Area East.	Julia Guy	Locality	Usual Play day events were unable to be delivered due to uncertainty around Covid restrictions. A successful smaller Play day event was held in Wincanton site in the summer instead.
	Tackle social isolation by developing new wellbeing initiatives and continue to support the Balsam Centre	Leigh Rampton	Communities	A detailed report will be provided with a request for the Healthy Living Centre revenue support to be released in November.
	Support the transition of new leisure operating contract in Wincanton, along with existing centre improvement	Jess Power	Strategy & Commissioning	A contract monitoring regime and project board has been set up for the leisure contract as a whole and the new operator will provide annual reports to members. Centre improvements will be complete by mid 2022.
	Support the transition of the Heart of Wessex Community Rail Partnership to a new CIC serving Dorset and Somerset and secure representation by SSDC on this new body	Jess Power	Strategy & Commissioning	Project paused due to change in staff. Will look at picking this up again this autumn.
S106 funded project support	S106 funding towards equipped play at Henstridge Play Area	Nathan Turnball	Locality	Funding awarded. Waiting for project completion
	S106 funding towards equipped play at Gainsborough Play Park, Milborne Port	Debbie Haines	Locality	Funding awarded. Project completed and payment of invoices due.
Project support	Community grant advice and support to Abbey Fishponds water resistant path project	Nathan Turnball	Locality	Payment made and project completed.
	Community grant - advice and support to Radio Ninesprings local community radio FM transmitter	Adrian Moore	Locality	Funding awarded. Radio transmitter installed. Waiting for final invoices from Radio Ninesprings in order to release funds.