

Somerset Levels and Moors LEADER

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The Programme Manager for the Somerset Levels and Moors LEADER programme will attend the committee to make a brief presentation and answer questions. The purpose is to raise help awareness of the programme aims and benefits.

The programme area for the Somerset Levels and Moors covers all parishes in SSDC Area North.

LEADER is an established method of delivering rural development funds at a local level. It uses local knowledge to promote a joined-up 'bottom up' community-led delivery of Rural Development Programme grants. In England this is being delivered by Local Action Groups (LAGs) and it targets rural areas with specific needs and priorities.

Levels and Moors LEADER Programme is run by a Local Action Group comprising people from land-based businesses, commerce, public and community sectors in the area.

The programme is now open for applications using a £1.4m grant pot available for businesses, farmers, foresters and rural organisations across the Levels and Moors over the next five years.

Further details of the programme are in the Local Development Strategy approved by DEFRA.

http://levelsandmoors.somersetleader.org.uk/uploads/documents/lds_2015_2020.pdf

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