Area East Chapter of the Council Plan 2019/20

The area chapter presents the priority work in Area East for the coming year. Many of the projects are led by others working in our communities and SSDC will take an enabling approach to provide advice and practical support to help others deliver.

Area+ teams are made up of officers from across the council with specific knowledge, skills and experience needed to support the delivery of the Area Chapter. Details of the Area+ team, key activities, and milestones to be presented in the delivery plan.

Key priorities for Area East:

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.
- Work towards providing employment land and business units of appropriate sizes readily available for uptake by business and residents.
- Continue to support key businesses including work with the Chamber of Commerce and other partners.

Environment

- Support the completion of the Neighbourhood Plans in Queen Camel and Castle Cary.
- Continue to support volunteers at Moldrams Ground.
- Promote opportunities for enhanced service delivery through SSDC Environmental Services offer including parish warden scheme.

Housing

- Support existing Community Land Trusts in Queen Camel and Charlton Horethorne.
- Complete Housing Needs Surveys when requested.

Healthy, Self-reliant Communities

- To support work towards provision of an artificial grass pitch available to the community in area east.
- Support a range of improvements to community buildings. - Programme of live schemes to be set out in the delivery plan.
- Work with Wincanton Rec Trust to develop sustainable management model and use of the site.
- Work with the Balsam Centre to develop a local services hub.
- Improve community transport links
- Increase the network of volunteer led health walks through promotion, training and support.
- Deliver 8 Play days in towns/villages in Area East