

Appendix A - Area Development (North) Plan – Update January 2015

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1	CJ	Area North	Area North	Continue to build SSDC engagement with Town & Parish Councils, including arrangements for the Annual Meeting, and guidance on community plans and local investment	Current enquiries from town and parish councils include (for example) requests for guidance on Parish Plans and Neighbourhood Plans; the Community Right to Bid; the Somerset 20 year Flood Action Plan; sources of funding and other support for local issues / projects; guidance on charitable trusts and other forms of local governance. A district wide town & parish workshop is planned for March 2014 on the theme of local flood resilience.
2	CJ	Area North	Area North	Monitor progress of Devon & Somerset Broadband Programme and promote local involvement in community and business engagement programmes https://www.connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk/plans-get-underway-second-stage-superfast-broadband-roll/	Information on progress for each local exchange is shown in the Connecting Devon and Somerset website at www. Local progress to deliver against targets appears very slow – a further stage of procurement is about to go to tender.
3	CJ	Area North	Area North	Support local community engagement with SSDC and partnerships between agencies to meet local needs (including community safety) and encourage innovation.	The teams help raise awareness of SSDC services and encourage local involvement to influence and re-design services. There are no formal partnerships for Area North with meetings arranged as required with partners. Examples include the Police, County Council, and Housing Providers.
4	CJ	Area North	Area North	Support the Levels and Moors Leader Executive Board to deliver the 2014-2020 Local Development Strategy. http://levelsandmoors.somersetleader.org.uk/	LEADER is an investment programme funded by the European Union and DEFRA to assist with local economic development. It particularly applies to rural areas and the whole of Area North is contained within the Levels and Moors programme. Area North Committee have appointed a councillor to the Executive Board. There is an agreed programme, drawn from evidence of local economic priorities and a final announcement on the approved funding from DEFRA will be made early in 2015 and the programme will open for applications.

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5	CJ	Area North	Area North	Support the delivery of the Somerset 20 Year Flood Action Plan http://somersexnewsroom.com/flood-action-plan/	The latest progress update (Nov 14) is at https://somersexnewsroom.files.wordpress.com/2014/12/november-progress-update-final.pdf SSDC is directly supporting the programme – helping households, communities and businesses to recover and increase future flood resilience. SSDC is working closely with other partners to the Flood Plan and administering various forms of Government grants. A series of additional local marketing initiatives led by the SSDC tourism service is planned for 2015.
6	PB	Area North	Area North	Implement Area North marketing and signage programme.	An allocation of £20,000 from the Area North Capital programme. Schemes prioritised which are community led and include additional partnership. Councillors working group criteria to administrate scheme. New signage installed in Martock. Langport sign designed – awaiting sign off by local representatives. Promotion to local parishes to encourage applications. A scheme at Curry Mallet as part of the national Magna Carta Celebrations.
7	SK	Area North	Area North	Support community-led play days, and delivery of SSDC play development programme.	The Community Health and Leisure team delivered 6 play days during summer 2014 in Area North. Various other community led play days supported with printing and programming etc from the Area Development team.
8	PB	Area North	Area North	Support the South Somerset Market Towns Investment Group with the ongoing development of South Somerset market towns "app"	SSDC Marketing Intern has supported local representatives on promoting use and development of the App in Somerton, Langport and Martock. There is increasing use of different types of social media alongside printed publications for promoting visits and spend across Area North.
9	CJ	Area North	Area North	Support the SSDC healthy lifestyles programme http://www.southsomerset.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/sport-and-health/health/	A variety of new activities are taking shape. A 3-2-1 route, Walking Football and a new Health Walk group in Langport. A Health Walk group, Community Weight Loss and Sport 50 class started in Somerton. Tai Chi class supported to start in Stoke Sub Hamdon this week. Contact Sam Wenden-De-Lira 01935 462346

Programme of local projects – by ward and parish

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10	TO	Burrow Hill	Barrington	Support Barrington Football Club to purchase freehold of football field.	A community grant of £10,000 awarded (Feb 14) from the Area North Capital Programme towards the purchase of the existing field, which secures long term ownership by the community. Formal completion of the conveyance is expected by the end of February 2015.
11	CJ	Burrow Hill	Kingsbury Episcopi	Support Westmoor Residents Against Flooding at Thorney (RAFT) to construct flood defence bund at Duck Corner, Thorney	A contribution of £10,000 from the District Executive Flooding Reserve made to this partnership scheme under the 20 Year Flood Action Plan. The project was managed by the Internal Drainage Board and was completed in Autumn 2014. The bund has protected ten homes. There is a current request to install a pump for surface water being investigated.
12	SK	Burrow Hill	Kingsbury Episcopi	Support the Kingsbury Episcopi Amenities Trust and Community Shop with the development of new community facilities at the recreation ground. http://www.kingsburycommunityshop.co.uk/	Project includes changing rooms sport, village hall and community shop/café. SSDC helped with the startup of the community shop in 2012 - Kingsbury shop which is currently run by two part time managers and over 50 volunteers - as well as other improvements at the recreation ground (Multi Use Games Area and outdoor gym. Area North provided help with the final preparation of the Stage Two Lottery Bid and maintain regular contact with the project group. The stage two application was successful (Dec 14) and the Stage Three bid is underway.
13	TO	Burrow Hill	Kingsbury Episcopi	Support Kingsbury Episcopi Parish Council to establish emergency access to a defibrillator.	A Community Grant of £1000 awarded to purchase a local defibrillator and provide training. It is installed at the recreation ground.
14	CJ	Burrow Hill	Muchelney	Support EA / IDB to carry out repairs / enhancement to ring bank at West Thorney	This project proceeded without the need for additional support. The work was completed by the Environment Agency.

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15	SK	Curry Rivel	Curry Rivel	Support delivery of Curry Rivel community facilities investment programme at Westfield and SSDC play areas.	Funding available from past s106 agreements for new housing in the parish. New play equipment identified. Awaiting landscape plan before installation. Planned for completion in the next 1-3 months.
16	SK	Curry Rivel	Drayton	Support Drayton Community Pub to acquire and operate the Drayton Arms http://thedraytonarms.co.uk/?p=184	Drayton Community Pub is an Industrial and Provident Society established for the benefit of the community. Area North provided help to secure registration and obtain advice from the Plunkett Foundation together with support to develop the business plan. The Drayton Arms has been listed on SSDC's register of Assets of Community Value. A community grant of £1000 has helped with feasibility and a condition survey. A loan of up to £130,000 approved by Full Council in December 2014. A share issue has commenced (January 2015) and negotiations with the owner Admiral Taverns are ongoing.
17	SK	Curry Rivel	Curry Rivel	Support Robert Sewers Village Hall to carry out programme of improvements, including hearing loop	Extension almost complete. New Youth club started in September 2014. First few months have been very successful with a good turnout. Links made with SCC Youth and Community service to provide support and advice.
18	SK	Curry Rivel	Curry Rivel	Support Curry Rivel Parish Plan group to complete local consultation and research for a new parish plan	Work continuing. Some printing has been undertaken by Area North and display boards loaned for consultation events. Ongoing support offered as and when needed.
19	TO	Hamdon	Norton Sub Hamdon	Support Norton Community Land Trust to deliver local affordable housing scheme. http://www.nortonclt.btck.co.uk/	A scheme of ten homes for residents with a local connection to Norton and the surrounding villages. Land acquired by the CLT and leased to Yarlington Homes with funding from the Homes and Communities Agency. SSDC helped establish the CLT within funding for legal fees together with support to the parish council and CLT to ensure the progress of this complex scheme over many years. Homes built and occupied!

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20	TO	Hamdon	Norton Sub Hamdon	Work in partnership with Norton Parish Council to improve local pathway at Minchington Close.	An allocation of £13,000.00 from the Area North Capital programme approved March 2014 for this scheme to improve local safety and access – as a local priority promoted by the parish council and ward member - “Thank you all very much for your support in getting the financial support for this project approved. Much appreciated.” – PC Chairman
21	TO	Hamdon	Norton Sub Hamdon	Support Norton Community Land Trust to develop a business plan for the management of the post office and shop http://www.norton-shop.com/	A community grant of £9346 (split between the capital and revenue budgets) assisted with the start-up costs to lease and operate the shop as a local social enterprise. Help with other external funding also provided – an application to Awards for All successful. The CLT group took over in October 2014 and the new enterprise is running successfully.
22	TO	Hamdon	Stoke Sub Hamdon	Support Stoke Sub Hamdon Recreation Trust to implement five year plan.	Contact maintained with the trust as it steadily delivers its 5 year plan (updated in 2013) Further projects identified for further feasibility and design include: more adventurous equipment for older children; improved pitch training facilities; additional areas for games and sports - croquet, boules, tennis. New junior football goals to be installed by the trust.
23	TO	Hamdon	Stoke Sub Hamdon	Support the start-up of new group “Bumps and Babes”	New group based at the All Saints Hall meeting weekly in term-time. Help provided to constitute group and make arrangements for hire of hall. A community grant of £250 will help with initial hall hire and equipment.
24	CJ	Islemoor	Ilton	Support Ilton youth club with new equipment for social activities	Ilton Youth Club was helped to establish more than ten years ago by SSDC Area North! The club is run by volunteers and operates from the village hall. A community grant of £250 has helped the club acquire a new karaoke machine.
25	TO	Islemoor	Ilton	Support delivery of Ilton community facilities investment programme, including refurbishment of play facilities at Copse Lane recreation ground.	This is a complex project with the long term goal of creating more facilities for sport & recreation in Ilton. A temporary football pitch now in place on nearby land which has allowed the existing recreation ground at Copse Lane to be refurbished by the parish council. Five new pieces of equipment installed with funding from SSDC and s106 contributions (Dec 2014). NB: A current planning application for 47

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					new homes in Ilton is under assessment which includes the transfer to the community of additional land and further planning obligations which will in turn release funds held in the SSDC capital programme.
26	PB	Langport & Huish	Langport & Huish	Support the development of ideas to promote rowing / boating on the Parrett at Langport	The Inland Waterways Association have offered guidance to a working group of local businesses and interested residents to review the feasibility of establishing a 'trip boat' on the Parrett between Langport and Muchelney. The group will continue to meet to complete their research this Spring.
27	PB	Langport & Huish	Langport & Huish	Support Langport Town Council and local businesses to make improvements to Westover business estate signage and install gateway signage (MTIG)	New signage promoting the Westover Trading Estate has been designed and is ready to be manufactured once siting agreed.
28	TO	Langport & Huish	Langport & Huish	Support operation of Langport Information Centre through service level agreement.	The LIC continues to run successfully welcoming visitors and residents to the town and proving useful information to help access local services.
29	CJ	Langport & Huish	Langport & Huish	Support review of the Langport and Huish Conservation Area Appraisal	Review led by SSDC Conservation. Final report for adoption included in January 2015 agenda for Area North Committee.
30	CJ	Langport & Huish	Langport & Huish	Support development of community facilities at Huish Leisure Centre including Artificial Grass Pitch (AGP)	The project to install the AGP is nearing completion. Two members of the Area Committee are members of the Huish Leisure Board.
31	PB	Langport & Huish	Langport & Huish	Support The Warehouse Trust to establish work hub / hotdesking and improved business model for the Great Bow Wharf. www.greatbow.org.uk/	A review of the warehouse Trust's operating plan for the Great Bow Wharf led to the Somerset Business Agency providing a range of management services to the Warehouse Trust. A new tenant has taken over the café area. The GBW was awarded 'Coffee Stop of the Year 2014' by Cycle Somerset!
32	CJ	Martock	Ash	Support Ash Parish Council to complete refurbishment of Ash Churchyard walls	A Community Grant of £500 and advice from the Conservation team has helped the parish council refurbish the listed walls of the churchyard following an automatic transfer by the Diocese.

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33	TO	Martock	Ash	Support progress of local affordable housing scheme for Ash.	Hastoe Housing Association are working with SSDC and Ash Parish Council to develop a small scheme of affordable housing for people with local connections to Ash. The preferred site is no longer available and so alternatives are under discussion. Funding from CLG has been awarded for this scheme. Planning consent will be required.
34	CJ	Martock	Long Load	Support Long Parish Council and local residents to progress a local flood defence scheme with partners to the Somerset Flood Plan.	The closure of the Long Load bridge on the River Parrett during recent and past flood events causes major disruption to residents and businesses in the local area. This project is at the feasibility stage. Options are being considered, with a further meeting planned for January 15.
35	CJ	Martock	Martock	Support further development of Martock Job Club and local employment, training and skills programmes. http://www.martockonline.co.uk/Pages/126/Job-Club.html	The Job Club celebrated its second birthday in October and since opening has assisted over 280 new job seekers (over 1450 visits to the Job Club) of which 145 have secured paid employment or volunteering opportunities with many more accessing training from specialist providers. The paid manager and volunteers also help with other issues such as housing or access to ICT. This project is integral to the Martock "Our Place" programme particularly because it can help reduce the cost of other public services whilst helping residents to access the help and support they need.
36	CJ	Martock	Martock	Support Martock Youth Centre and Martock Parish Council to develop community facilities programme and business plan for new youth centre and pavilion at Martock Recreation Ground	This is a major project and subject to extensive public consultation and business planning. The next stage of public consultation is in January 15. A steering group of different user groups and other interested parties is overseeing the project, led by the parish council.
37	CJ	Martock	Martock	Support the Martock 'Our Place' programme http://www.martockonline.co.uk/Pages/165/Our-Place-Martock.html	The Our Place programme is sponsored by the Department of Communities and Local Government (CLG) as a pilot for local involvement in the re-design of local public services. A 'local operational plan' has been developed over many months using the results of local consultation and research.
38	PB	Martock	Martock	Support M3 to develop Martock Growing Business programme	Area North supported the Martock Business Engagement Group to install new promotional signage at the Martock Business Park.

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39	PB	Martock	Martock	Support to Martock Parish Council to complete lighting scheme and precinct enhancement project (MTIG)	This enhancement scheme has been under design for many years and is substantially complete led by the parish council. The area is the location for the regular Producers Market.
40	PB	Martock	Martock	Monitor and support progress of action plan for historic buildings at risk at Parrett Works	SSDC is supporting the community partnership M3 to develop an outline business plan for the conservation and long term sustainability of the Rope Walk and associated buildings. A community grant of £1000 to provide expert advice on a business plan and strategy. Slow progress but sound and steady.
41	TO	Martock	Martock	Support operation of Martock Information Centre through service level agreement	The Martock Information Centre is based at the Market House and is run by volunteers. A community grant of £500 and continued support as in previous years.
42	SK	South Petherton	Seavington St Micheal	Support The Seavingtons Playing Field Trust to make access improvements at Seavington Playing Field.	A community grant of £8000 awarded from the Area North Capital programme (July 2014) to improve links between the village hall, play area, community shop, and overflow parking area. Help provided to achieve additional match funding and plan the project. Work on site likely to start early 2015, weather dependent!
43	TO	South Peth.	Seavington St Micheal	Support The Seavingtons Parish Councils to secure affordable housing for local people.	Update tbc
44	CJ	South Peth.	South Petherton	Secure reuse for former SSDC Public Toilets at Prigg Lane car park.	A successful conclusion to this project – a small business has taken the lease and has occupied. This has brought a redundant building back into use with income for SSDC and a new business into the village.
45	CJ	South Peth.	South Petherton	Support South Petherton Parish Council to refresh the Parish Plan	A committee has been established by the parish council which includes business and community representatives. This is at an early stage with the first phase of public consultation about to get underway. The parish council has also resolved to make a Neighbourhood Plan under the Localism Act and their application is currently being considered by the Spatial Policy team.

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46	TO	South Peth.	South Petherton	Support operation of South Petherton Community Office through service level agreement.	The South Petherton Local Information Centre is based in the Library and is run by volunteers. A community grant of £500 and continued support as in previous years. The LIC purchased a bespoke gazebo to help the volunteers attend local events.
47	TO	South Peth.	South Petherton	Enhancement of village centre - finger posts	Update tbc
48	SK	South Peth.	Shepton Beauchamp	Support Shepton Beauchamp events team to develop film nights	A community grant of £209.00 has helped purchase new projector for film nights .
49	SK	St Michaels	Chilthorne Domer	Support Chilthorne Domer Village Hall to construct a new store room for equipment.	A community grant of £2500 awarded from the Area North Capital Programme. Work complete and grant paid.
50	SK	St Michaels	Chilthorne Domer	Support Chilthorne Domer Recreation Trust to make improvements to the Pavillion.	A community grant of £6000 awarded July 2014 to support improvements to the pavillion. Work underway in two phases.
51	TO	St Michaels	Montacute	Support completion of feasibility and business plan for village hall / sports changing rooms in Montacute	Following a lengthy period of feasibility and public consultation - the Village Hall Committee is selecting its preferred option for substantial improvements by the end of March. The Parish Council is planning to replace the existing changing facilities at the Recreation Ground – and are in discussion with the National Trust and SSDC planning.
52	TO	St Michaels	Montacute	Support the National Trust and Montacute Parish Council to secure viable future management arrangements for The Borough Car Park	The Borough car park is owned by the National Trust with a lease to SSDC, which has expired and is being held over. The parish council has agreed to take on the day to day running of the car park with maintenance reverting to the National Trust. The final agreement is imminent. This will ensure the continuity of the service to visitors and residents together with a saving to SSDC.
53	TO	St Michaels	Tintinhull	Support Tintinhull Pre-School to re-locate to school site	Help provided to achieve external funding to move the pre-school to a new building from the village hall.. A successful grant application to the Armed Forces Community Covenant funding achieved.
54	CJ	St Michaels	Tintinhull	Support Tintinhull Parish Council to progress funding and design for new village hall.	Help provided to prepare the Stage 2 lottery bid for a new village hall on the existing site. A community grant of £250 helped with printing for public consultation.

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55	TO	St Michaels	Tintinhull	Support Tintinhull Parish Council to secure further investment at recreation ground.	The pavilion is well used by Tintinhull Youth Club and requires updating. Limited recent contact from parish council – to be followed up. The nearby MUGA has also been considered for refurbishment in the past.
56	SK	Turn Hill	High Ham	Support High Ham Parish Council to install equipment for over 8's on the playing fields (The High Ham youth park)	A community grant of £6000 agreed in May 14 from the Area North Capital Programme. The project includes provision for play items shortlisted and selected by a focus group of older children from the local High Ham primary school. Contractor started on site mid-November, and the work is completed.
57	CJ	Turn Hill	High Ham	Support High Ham Parish Council to acquire the Millennium Wood	A community grant of £250 supported the legal fees to acquire the Millennium Wood from SCC.
58	TO	Turn Hill	High Ham	Support High Ham Parish Council to install a community defibrillator	A community grant of £1000 has helped to install a defibrillator at the primary school in High Ham and train volunteers.
59	SK	Turn Hill	Long Sutton	Support Long Sutton Parish Council to make improvements to outdoor facilities at playing field / village hall	Meeting took place November 2014 to look at way forward. Work to be scoped/phased before funding bids are produced. Ongoing support offered
60	MO	Turn Hill	Long Sutton	Support Somerton Beekeepers to develop business plan for education / club room	Help provided to develop a business plan and seek external funding. A grant application to SSDC is anticipated to support the costs of establishing a store / education room.
61	TO	Wessex	Compton Dundon	Monitor and support progress to secure completion of affordable housing scheme	This scheme is partly built and has made little progress over a number of years. It is a mixed scheme which includes six affordable homes for people with a local connection to Compton Dundon and surrounding villages.
62	PB	Wessex	Somerton	Support Somerton Historic Buildings Preservation Trust to acquire and operate Old Town Hall for business/community use.	The Old Town Hall is a largely unused listed building in a prominent location in the market place. The latest application to the Heritage Lottery Fund to develop its use for business / community use was not successful. This is likely to prompt a review of the business plan.
63	PB	Wessex	Somerton	Support completion of car parking and gateway signage scheme for Somerton (MTIG)	Update tbc

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64	SK	Wessex	Somerton	Complete review of local car parking in conjunction with Somerton Town Council (A shortfall of around 30 spaces identified in the SSDC car parking strategy to 2028.)	A number of options reviewed with Somerton Town Council for additional space and management of existing provision. SSDC District Executive approved (Nov 14) the principles of an agreement with Somerton Town Council to develop land formally operated as the GP surgery. This is subject to further negotiations and a planning application for change of use – expected early in 2015.
65	TO	Wessex	Somerton	Support operation the of Somerton Information Centre through service level agreement	The Somerton Information Centre is based in the Library and is run by volunteers under the general management of the Somerset Tourism and Heritage Partnership. A community grant of £500 and continued support as in previous years.
66	PB	Wessex	Somerton	Support Somerton Town Council to complete improvements to the Market Place (MTIG)	Update tbc