

Appendix A				
	Area West Chapter 2021-2022	Area + Team		
	Project description	Lead Officer	Lead Service	Half yearly update
Economy	Complete gateway highway improvement scheme - Chard Fore Street	Anna Matthews	Regen	Scheme has been fully designed. Contractor has been appointed. Public realm work in Chard will be on site from mid-September to end of March and the Eastern Gateway improvements are programmed to be delivered as part of that, as planned.
	Continue to support individual businesses and associations/Chambers of Trade/Town Teams	Joe Walsh	Economy	Attendance at local Chambers and Business Groups, including the Crewkerne Business Group and Business In Ilminster Group in addition to 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 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.
	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.
	To work with the Redundancy Task Force, as part of a wider multi-agency coordinated response to the Oscar Mayer closure situation to include a programme of support for individuals. With a view to making a Town Deals bid for recovery or similar funding programmes that arise	Joe Walsh	Economy	Work has now concluded in offering direct support to Oscar Mayer, with positive outcomes in terms of number of people moving into employment, education or training. Relatively low numbers of individuals have now become unemployed due to SSDC's involvement. Work continues with local partners to support individuals and businesses. Future Town Strategy for Chard is close to completion which will form the basis for any future funding applications.

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Environment	Support community led initiatives that contribute towards combatting climate change	Tim Cook	Locality	Support provided through MTIG funding for Electric Street Sweeper - Chard Air Quality Monitoring Unit – Crewkerne
	Support the volunteer group at Chard Reservoir to deliver a self-guided children's trail at the Local Nature Reserve	Katy Menday	Leisure & Recreation	Trail and activities planned and with designer for creation of final trail leaflet.
	Continue to support the Blackdown Hills AONB	Adrain Moore	Locality	Continued support and advice with delivery of the AONB Management Plan and support with funding through the Officer Steering Group
	To promote and support ecological improvements to Mitchell gardens and Snowdon Park, Chard	Steve Fox	Environmental Services	These are to programmed in during the winter / spring period
	Maintain pressure to deliver the 'Stop Line Way' (SLW) Cycle Path - part of the Sustrans Route 33 long Distance coast-to-coast walking and cycling route.	Adrain Moore	Locality	Research carried out with Local Authorities across the UK into the successful delivery, improvements and funding of Long Distance Multi-Use Trails. Currently working with Sustrans to identify new funding and suitable routes to make improvements to the SLW east and south of Chard.
	Campaign and engage with Town and Parish Councils and residents around local enforcement related issues	Clare Warman	Locality	Liaison with 8 Town/Parish councils with 15 patrols to date - where signing and clearing took place. 2 new DF bins installed, 1 x new litter bin and 1 x re-site suggested. Liaising with the public around responsibilities of clearing litter / dog foul occurs during patrols. Area West also hosted a PlayDay event where our "Bin-it Bug" competition was introduced - educating our little people around their responsibilities not to litter and to recycle etc. Area West received over 100 entries to the comp.
	Produce a Local cycling and walking infrastructure plan for Chard (funding dependant)	Jess Power/Charlotte Fry	Strategy & Commissioning	We will liaise with the Localities team to look to secure funding for the Chard LCWIP.
sing	To proactively intervene on the progress of targeted housing sites in the area	Peter Paddon	Place and Recovery	Focus has been on supporting Crewkerne CLR and Chard eastern development area.
	To support the communities to enable appropriate development in rural areas and support community land trust proposals	Peter Paddon	Place and Recovery	No requests for support has been made currently but we will provide support as needed when requested
	Progress delivery of CEDA in Chard. Agree an updated highway and transport proposal for the allocation and secure a planning legal financial contributions mechanism	Peter Paddon	Place and Recovery	Transport consultant commissioned to undertake eastern relief road delivery scoping exercise to report in quarter 3
	To secure necessary physical and social infrastructures to meet demands of delivery	Peter Paddon	Place and Recovery	Chard eastern development area eastern relief road, transport infrastructure work commissioned and ongoing

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Hou	To be able to commence delivery of the first reserved matters application in the CLR site in Crewkerne	Peter Paddon	Place and Recovery	Planning application for phase 1 granted.
	Support communities to identify any housing need in their parish and support them to meet this demand.	Peter Paddon	Place and Recovery	No new approaches made at present, we do publish the expressed demand for all parishes in the district every month though on the public website
	Support promote Neighbourhood planning as a tool to deliver appropriate local housing	Peter Paddon	Place and Recovery	Ilminster have had a Regulation 14 consultation between June and August 2021 (next step would be regulations 16 and referendum). Crewkerne have had a neighbourhood area designated in February 2021 and will now be able to start work on their NH plan.
Healthy, Self-reliant Communities	Support a range of improvements to community facilities through S106 and Community grants	Tim Cook	Locality	Please see S106 and Community projects below
	To improve pitch provision in Area West and particularly in Chard	Charlotte Fry/ Nathan Turnball	Strategy & Commissioning / Locality	Ground linked to Forton Football Club has now been purchased.
	To support the Football Association to deliver a centre for football development in the Area	Charlotte Fry/ Nathan Turnball	Strategy & Commissioning / Locality	Ongoing consultation with the FA and Wadham School.
	Develop options to improve community transport including links to Crewkerne Station	Jess Power/Charlotte Fry	Strategy & Commissioning	Project paused due to change in staff. Will look at progressing this in the autumn.
	Develop new initiatives to tackle longstanding issues of health inequality and social isolation	Leigh Rampton	Communities	TBC
	Maintaining the network of volunteer led health walks through promotion, training and support	Julia Guy	Locality	We have 7 walks in Area West. 750 walkers for the first quarter from April to July. All walks are going very well and well attended.
	Deliver a programme of Play days in towns/villages in Area West	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 Chard in the summer instead. The attendance was around 1500.
	Develop and commence delivery of an intergenerational project working in partnership with Chard Museum to use their collection as inspiration for a project linking 3 care homes and 3 schools or youth groups	Katy Menday	Leisure & Recreation	Project paused due to change in staff. Will recommence once new Community Heritage Officer appointed.
	Support the transition of new leisure operating contract in Chard, along with existing centre improvements and delivery of an outreach active communities programme in target areas	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.
S106 funded project support	Jarman Way play area, Chard	Adrain Moore	Locality	Contract for supply and installation of play equipment and fencing successfully awarded to KOMPAN. Works to commence late September/October 2021. SSDC to undertake arboricultural work in October on the six Oak Trees that have Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs).

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Project support	Community grant - advice and support for Hinton St George pre-school building	Adrain Moore	Locality	Funding awarded. Stage payments have started as interim invoices are received. Project anticipated to be completed October 2021.
	Community grant - advice for Coombe St Nicholas School running Tracks	Nathan Turnbull	Locality	Initial meeting booked in with school to discuss project
	Community grant - advice and support to Radio Ninesprings local community radio FM transmitter	Adrain Moore	Locality	Funding awarded. Radio transmitter installed. Waiting for final invoices from Radio Ninesprings in order to release funds.