

APPENDIX A

SECTION ONE: LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING

ACTION	TARGETS / MILESTONES	UPDATE – OCTOBER 07
<p>Work with partners and local communities through high quality community planning, to develop places where people want to live, work in and visit</p>		
<p>1.1 Work with local community planning partnerships to consult, plan and prioritise through local community plans for Somerton, Martock, Langport & Huish Episcopi and South Petherton</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martock Community Plan launched - April 07 • Implementation Plan adopted by MCCP - June 07 • Plan endorsed by ANC July 07 • Project plan agreed for Langport & Huish Episcopi • Community Plan - June 07 <p>Revised targets to April 2008</p> <p>Martock – plan endorsed by ANC, with implementation plan</p> <p>Langport & Huish Episcopi – plan for additional consultation carried out, and draft community plan in place for adoption; key partners identified and roles clarified for future development of implementation plan</p> <p>Somerton – review of town plan discussed with community representatives; progress towards key projects reviewed</p> <p>South Petherton – consideration given to further development of local community plan, to reflect involvement with Market Towns Vision.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful launch of Martock Local Community Plan, Summary Booklets distributed, inaugural meeting of M3 Community Partnership (MCP) held 5th July 2007. Endorsement by ANC delayed to future meeting. Implementation plan compiled and regular review meetings held with representatives of MCP. Submissions to SWRDA of outline proposals for future endorsement / funding. • Langport Plan document received with amendments from Joint Committee. Awaiting print and distribution to households. Household distribution completed, and results compiled • Somerton Town Plan review planned 11th September. Local exhibition held, and draft report compiled (by Somerton). • Meeting held between Head of Area Development (North) with Chairman and Clerk of South Petherton to discuss current priorities

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<p>1.2 Support the production, and delivery of parish plans, and other community led initiatives which aim to promote involvement and self-help for local communities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Schedule for review of plans agreed - July 07 · First review (audit) completed - Sept 07 · Second reviews (evaluate process) completed - Dec 07 · Third reviews completed (evaluate progress towards aims & priorities) - March 08 <p>· Plans underway published and presented to ANC for endorsement</p> <p>Arrangements for linking community-led planning to South Somerset framework are agreed by LSP (proposed by SSDC)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pitney Parish Plan published. Launched 16th May 2007 followed by household distribution. • Audit of local Parish Plans completed and consultation on progress and future aspirations with each parish planning group / parish council to assist with planning for future support and development of parish planning • Fivehead Parish Plan – draft completed
<p>1.3 Support the development of the new Local Development Framework, and promote high quality community involvement in land use and spatial planning</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Dependent on project plan for core strategy · Parish workshop for parish plans and LDF - June 07 <p>New target by April 08</p> <p>Endorsement by SSDC of parish plans position statement to clarify role of plans within Local Development Framework</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish workshop deferred, until core strategy programme clearer • Internal workshop on core strategy July 07 • SSDC taking part in government funded programme to assist Local Authorities integrate community – led planning into mainstream services and spatial planning. • Draft position statement on relationship between parish plans and Local Development Framework • A series of discussions held between main stakeholders (highways, housing, planning policy) and members / planning officers – both formally and in workshops to identify improvements in local communications and engagement, in particular the management and delivery of major planning applications, section 106's, links with SCC highways and affordable rural housing

SECTION 2: DELIVERY OF PROJECTS TO SUPPORT MARKET TOWN REGENERATION

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ACROSS THE AREA		
<p>2.1 Market Towns Investment Group - Deliver programme of investment into 3 priority areas</p> <p>This relates to Somerton, Langport & Huish Episcopi and South Petherton only</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tourism boards installed - April 07 • CCTV report received by MTIG - May 07 • Local priority schemes agreed - Sept 07 <p>New targets for April 08</p> <p>Interpretation boards installed in four 'market towns'</p> <p>Agreement reached on involvement in CCTV programme, with implementation plan</p> <p>Local priority projects delivered with funding from MTIG, or project plan in place for delivery within 6 months</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tourism Board installation date delayed for amendments to scheme. Project still delayed due to contractor failure to complete artwork • CCTV report received in draft. Reviewed by MTIG representatives, and within each town, with recommendations due to made back to MTIG in November • Local Priority schemes under consideration. All four Area North partnerships submitted schemes for consideration by wider group
<p>2.2 Somerset Waterlinks</p> <p>A potential programme of inter-connected projects across Somerset, covering river access and navigation, sustainable transport and tourism centred on the river network, health and well-being from waterbased and ROW activity, and promoting climate change and bio-diversity through education and sustainable development</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bid documentation submitted by 31st May 2007 • Completed audit of submission - August 2007 • ITV final public vote - Dec 2007 <p>New target to April 08</p> <p>If vote is won - delivery arrangements reviewed and consolidated by Waterlinks partnership</p> <p>If vote is lost – involvement with programme reviewed and consolidated – continuity plans for each South Somerset project endorsed</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bid documentation submitted to BIG Lottery 31st May 2007. Supplementary documents submitted on land, funding and consents – August 07 • BIG Lottery Assessment Visit 2nd & 3rd July 2007 Awaiting decision from Big Lottery 23 October, to allow progression to public vote in December • Detailed communications plan being implemented – including PR and filming by ITV (co-ordinated by SCC) • Presentation to Full Council by Chairman of Steering group – Sept 07.

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LANGPORT & HUIISH EPISCOPI		
<p>2.3 Great Bow Yard, Langport:</p> <p>A development of 12 'eco-homes' and the refurbishment of a Grade 2 listed warehouse to provide business units, café and community space.</p>	<p>Car parking agreed plan in place -July 07</p> <p>Warehouse opened - August 2007</p> <p>Marketing leaflet published</p> <p>New target from April 08</p> <p>Revised business plan for warehouse trust received</p> <p>Endorsement by SSDC of future arrangements for ownership and management of Warehouse</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Car parking plan not yet agreed. Need for travel plan identified under planning consent • Project largely on target, however some planning issues remain to be resolved. Review of all consents relating to the site discussed with applicant / developer • Small grant made to develop marketing plan for Warehouse
<p>2.4 Cocklemoor footbridge and pathway, Langport:</p> <p>A project which commissioned a bridge designer & engineering team to design an accessible and innovative bridge, together with an all ability pathway across Cocklemoor to connect Langport Town Centre with the Langport Visitor Centre/ GBY.</p>	<p>· SSDC site condition agreed and grant paid</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site meeting held with SCC property services to review proposals for access pathways and remedials • SCC have reviewed proposals for final layout of pathways and indicate agreement in principle, however no firm proposals presented, nor funding issue addressed. Grant invoiced by SCC, not paid.
<p>2.5 Langport-Martock-Cartgate multi-user route:</p> <p>A surfaced pathway, with bridleway status to permit walking, riding and cycling between Langport, Martock and Cartway, includes the installation of a bridge over the Parrett.</p>	<p>· Feasibility study and project plans produced (within Waterlinks bid)</p> <p>New target to April 08</p> <p>Report considered by ANC (post Waterlinks vote) to consider findings of feasibility study and proposals for future project development</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feasibility study (including landowner consultations) and project plans produced and submitted to the BIG Lottery within Waterlinks bid, including landowner consultations • Update meeting held for ward members – Langport / Martock, with SCC and SSDC countryside teams

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<p>2.6 Langport and Huish Episcopi Community Centre:</p> <p>Local need identified for a high quality centre with accessible car parking, available to all residents and designed to meet the long term needs of the community</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Options appraisal for preferred sites / building options presented to steering group · Analysis of local needs for space and activities presented to steering group · Funding information and guidance provided to steering group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings held by Huish Episcopi School to consider future development of school involving local stakeholders • Draft Section 106 agreements indicate developer contributions towards facilities • At present no steering group exists to develop proposals for this project
<p>2.6a (new action – Sept 07)</p> <p>Langport Town centre – small scale improvements to town centre and public toilets, coupled with a review of future ownerships and leases for town centre car parks – following 2006 evaluation of town centre regeneration scheme</p>	<p>New targets to April 08</p> <p>Programme of minor works agreed with Town Council (including extension to public toilets) costed and with funding proposals</p> <p>Reviewed agreements in place for ownership and maintenance of car parks and public toilets</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint meeting held with Langport Town Council / Trust, SSDC and EA. Draft plan and programme agreed for future development (costings)

MARTOCK

<p>2.7 Improving community facilities for Martock: Community Hall Project</p> <p>Local need identified for increasing the amount of community space for activities and events, providing improvements for the long term needs of the community</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Funding strategy in place for purchase and reinstatement of potential new hall 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning permission for new Church granted. Negotiations between Parish Council and Gospel Hall ongoing. • Capital bid submitted to SSDC corporate programme (£50,000)
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<p>2.7a Martock Community Office (market House refurbishment project)</p>	<p>Project plan in place, with progress towards funding</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bid to heritage lottery submitted by Martock Parish Council • First phase of works planned to complete by march 08
<p>2.8 Enhancement of Martock Precinct Area:</p> <p>Aims to improve provision of public open space and reduce inappropriate use, developed through a local partnership including Co-Op Stores, Community Safety and MPC</p>	<p>· Project design brief and outline design agreed between partners</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase 1 plan agreed and contract at tender stage (minor traffic calming and resurfacing) • Phase 2 plan (entrance and lighting) at draft design stage (SSDC engineering / conservation) • Phase 3 (precinct enhancement) – initial brief from consultation considered
<p>2.9 Parrett Works</p> <p>Local business needs identified to promote and develop Parrett Works as thriving small business community, adjoining River Parrett Trail</p>	<p>· Feasibility study produced</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feasibility Study produced and submitted to BIG Lottery within Waterlinks bid. Several site meetings held, ongoing consultation with site owners, residents and businesses • Project under discussion with SWRDA. Draft brief for Martock workspace study and Parrett Works Conservation Plan in place and some funding identified

SOMERTON		
<p>2.10 Address safety and access issues in West Street, Somerton</p> <p>Project scope will incorporate West Street, Market Place and surrounding town centre areas to provide improved access to shops and services including public transport, safe routes to school and meeting objectives of DDA. No firm proposals in place - feasibility stage</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Survey of current use and traffic flow · Design brief and outline design agreed between SSDC, SCC, STC and subject to public consultation; cost estimates obtained 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety audit of outline proposals received and reviewed by STC
<p>2.11 Somerton Community Hall</p> <p>Local need identified for a high quality centre available to all residents and designed to meet the long term needs of the community.</p> <p>Project under development by a steering group formed by Somerton Town Council.</p>	<p><i>to be agreed by community</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local opportunity identified to secure funding and develop this project, as locally led and managed scheme
<p>2.12 Somerton Memorial Park</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · New park opened 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New park opened.
<p>2.13 Somerton Sports Club development project</p> <p>Need to refurbish and improve provision to increase participation and quality</p>	<p>target</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Likely to be incorporated in overall plan to improve community facilities at the recreation ground

SOUTH PETHERTON		
2.14 South Petherton Recreation ground	· Development plan for additional facilities agreed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No application submitted yet
2.15 Improving access to, and long term viability of key community facilities for recreation, arts and leisure	<p>Targets</p> <p>David Hall and Blake Hall management committees complete plans to remove barriers to access, to better meet requirements of DDA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant awarded to Blake Hall outstanding – installation of stair lift under review David Hall – advice and support given for current plans to review refurbishment needs – and develop business plan

SECTION 3: IMPROVING RURAL SERVICES

ACTION	TARGETS / MILESTONES	UPDATE OCTOBER 07
3.1 Enable the provision of social / affordable housing to meet local housing needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raise awareness of support available, and options for provision to parishes Report from Strategic Housing Team /Rural Housing enabler Review outcomes of recent housing needs surveys 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 current applications (Ilton, Langport & South Petherton) include proposals for affordable housing 2 parishes (Curry Mallett and Compton Dundon) have planning consent for small affordable housing schemes
3.2 Promote safer communities, reducing crime and fear of crime and addressing anti-social behaviour, including traffic related issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Publish reviewed Area North Community Safety Action Plan for 2007-08 Report from HOS and Member representative to ANC Traffic calming featured in Area Action Panel Agenda 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CDRP funding secured for 2007/08. Local Action Group meetings held in South Petherton and Martock. LAG requested for review Dispersal Order ANC SAP held workshop in Long Sutton in September

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report to ANC – August 07
<p>3.3 Work with young people to provide things to do, places to go</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local needs and opportunities reviewed and potential projects identified 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Six sessions for young people planned in Chilthorne Domer. Held over summer months. Follow up support to volunteers. Somerset Rural Youth project working with young people • Long Sutton pavilion project underway. • Ongoing support to Chilthorne Domer to improve local facilities, support volunteers and develop activities for young people
<p>3.4 Develop play and learning opportunities for children and families</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 sessions run by volunteers across Area North - Summer 07 • Langport and Huish Childrens Centre - project brief agreed by partners <p>New target for April 08</p> <p>Play and youth facilities programme is endorsed by ANC which sets completion targets for 08/09 – 10/11</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 35 play scheme sessions planned for summer holidays, including community led and SSDC supported. • See also Playscheme report to ANC June 2007. • Volunteer led play scheme in Curry Rivel - Oct 07 • Play and youth facilities steering group reconvened – and current programme reviewed
<p>3.5 Maintain and improve local access to services especially for health and social needs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local community office and access to public services reviewed within each community - December 2007 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning consent for a new shop / service hub for Seavington granted July 07.
<p>3.6 Support communities to maintain and develop facilities and activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports for community grants; Active Lifestyles programmes; programme for older people <p>Village halls update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active Living (POPP) programme reported to ANC – June 2007. • 2006/07 grants report – June 2007.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on supporting older people in Area North – June 2007.
3.7 Promote economic vitality and growth - especially small-medium businesses and post office / shops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New business networks established for Langport and Martock areas • Grants scheme completed by April 2008 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HOSAD (North) attended Post Office briefing meeting for Local Authorities. Somerset wide working group established jointly by SSDC • Business association meetings held and attended by CRO in Langport, South Petherton, Somerton and Martock • Business grants scheme linked to SSDC business support officer
3.8 Work with partners to develop potential for sustainable tourism development (including the provision of visitor facilities which meet needs of residents, the tourism sector and the environment)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • River Parrett Trail review to be reported to ANC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RPT report – Jan 08
3.9 Promote and protect quality of natural and built environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enforcement or other action taken on priority areas <p>New target to April 08</p> <p>Programme agreed to review and update conservation area appraisals for main settlements (market towns)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District wide officer group established for priority sites. Options for long term solutions to bring back key redundant building into use reviewed and progressed • Discontinuance Order and CPO at site in Somerton progressing
3.10 Promote and support local transport -alternatives and solutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of current schemes (e.g. Links, Nippy Bus) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Langport and Somerton Links Steering Group established. Draft business plan in place. Budget for 07/08 agreed and monitoring arrangements in place

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant of £12,500 awarded to Links. Report Sept 07 to ANC

SECTION 4: DEVELOPING THE AREA VISION, DEMOCRATIC INVOLVEMENT AND THE ROLE OF WARD MEMBERS

ACTION	TARGETS / MILESTONES	UPDATE – OCTOBER 07
4.1 Promote the role of the Area Committee, ward members and the opportunities for public engagement with SSDC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of regular PR opportunities through press and website, parish circular; Area Forum proposals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SSDC Beacon Open Day (role of members as neighbourhood champions) set for 31st October 2007. Frontline councillor grants commence July 07 See also SSDC Full Council – Dec 06 SSDC attended ANCSAP workshop in Long Sutton and in Somerton at Tour of Britain Bike Race – Sept 07
4.2. Strengthen links between town / parish councils and SSDC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual Meeting with Parishes - March 08 Update report on issues raised by Parishes at 2007 Parish Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parish workshop set for early December – including SCC and SSDC officers and members
4.3 Develop democratic involvement by young people at parish, district and national levels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report on progress of Youth Councils 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residential programme for new youth councils held by SCC, report received from Martock Youth Parish Council Ilton Young Parish Council gave a presentation at ANCSAP workshop.