

Review of Priority Project 1 of the Council's Annual Action Plan 2021-2022

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Purpose of the Report

1. To invite Members to recommend the revised Priority Project 1 outcomes and key milestones for adoption within the Council's Annual Action Plan 2021-2022.

Public Interest

2. The Annual Action Plan is a strategic document, which sits within the Council Plan 2020-2024 and sets out the strategic ambitions of South Somerset District Council. It is a key document and tool used to communicate and share the objectives for the Council. The Annual Action Plan is designed to articulate the commitments we make and milestones we set; as well as provide the basis on which to hold us accountable.

Recommendations

3. That Full Council agree that the outcomes and key milestones contained in Priority Project 1 are revised as per Appendix A of this report.

Background

4. District Executive and Full Council approved South Somerset District Council's Annual Action Plan 2021-2022 in February 2021.
5. Officers are proposing that the outcomes and key milestones within Priority Project 1 are revised to reflect the current Covid 19 Recovery and Renewal Strategy as adopted by District Executive on 1st April.
6. The proposed revisions are shown within Appendix A. To clarify, the title and overarching Priority Project of 'Lead the recovery and revitalisation of our economy and communities to be stronger, more resilient and more vibrant than before Covid-19' will remain unchanged.



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Priority Project 1 – revision of outcomes and key milestones

7. In February 2021 South Somerset District Council approved the Annual Action Plan 2021/2022. Within Priority Project 1 are a series of outcomes and key milestones, that at the time reflected the challenges presented to the economy and local communities.
8. South Somerset District Council District Council's District Executive approved the Recovery and Renewal Strategy on 1st April 2021. The strategy was informed by the contents of the Annual Action Plan however took a more holistic approach and focused on what is required for South Somerset to recover and grow as a result of the Covid 19 pandemic. The strategy incorporates updated expert advice and best practice, local data and lessons learnt from the response phase of the pandemic, it outlines the proposed roadmap to recovery for the Council and the wider community of South Somerset.
9. We are proposing revisions to the outcomes and key milestones of Priority Project 1 that will ensure it aligns more closely with the Recovery and Renewal Strategy. The proposed amendments provide a more focused approach to recovery, targeting individuals and businesses that have been adversely impacted by the Covid 19 pandemic.
10. Activity previously listed within Priority Project 1 will still be delivered through the Areas of Focus, particularly 'Economy' and 'Healthy, self-reliant communities'.

Financial Implications

11. None directly from this report.

Legal implications (if any) and details of Statutory Powers

12. None directly from this report.

Council Plan Implications

13. Should Members approve the recommendations this will impact the Council's strategic objectives outlined within the Annual Action Plan 2021/2022.

Carbon Emissions and Climate Change Implications

14. None directly from this report. However, the Council Plan 2020-2024 and Annual Action Plan 2021-2022 emphasises our commitment to protecting the environment.

Equality and Diversity Implications

15. The revisions proposed will have now impact on the previous Equality Impact Relevance Check Form that was produced for Members in the previous (April



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Report). Individual equality impact assessments will be carried out for the projects and programmes associated with delivery. A copy of the previous Equality Impact Relevance Check Form can be viewed in Appendix B.

Privacy Impact Assessment

16. None directly from this report.

Background Papers

17. District Executive report: SSDC Annual Action Plan for 2021-2022:
<https://modgov.southsomerset.gov.uk/documents/s34098/6%20Annual%20Action%20Plan.pdf>
18. SSDC Recovery and Renewal Strategy:
<https://modgov.southsomerset.gov.uk/documents/s34807/6%20COVID%20Recovery%20Renewal%20Strategy%20-%20FINAL.pdf>
19. District Executive report: SSDC Council Plan 2020-2024, Item 6 in the reports pack available here:
<https://modgov.southsomerset.gov.uk/documents/g2573/Public%20reports%20pack%2006th-Feb-2020%2009.30%20District%20Executive.pdf?T=10>
20. Full Council Report: SSDC Council Plan 2020-2024, Item 7 in the reports pack available here:
<https://modgov.southsomerset.gov.uk/documents/g2576/Public%20reports%20pack%2019th-Feb2020%2019.30%20South%20Somerset%20District%20Council.pdf?T=10>

Appendix List:

Appendix A – Revised Priority Project 1 including outcomes and key milestones
Appendix B - Equality Impact Relevance Check Form
<https://modgov.southsomerset.gov.uk/documents/s34100/6%20Appendix%20B%20Equality%20impact%20relevance%20check%20Annual%20Action%20Plan%202021-22.pdf>