



LOCAL COMMUNITY NETWORK - CHARD AND BLACKDOWNS

Wednesday, 2 August 2023

7.00 pm

Corfe Village Hall, Newton Road, Corfe TA3 7AQ

SUPPLEMENT TO THE AGENDA

To: The members of the Local Community Network - Chard and Blackdowns

We are now able to enclose the following information which was unavailable when the agenda was published:

Agenda Item 6 : Presentation slides

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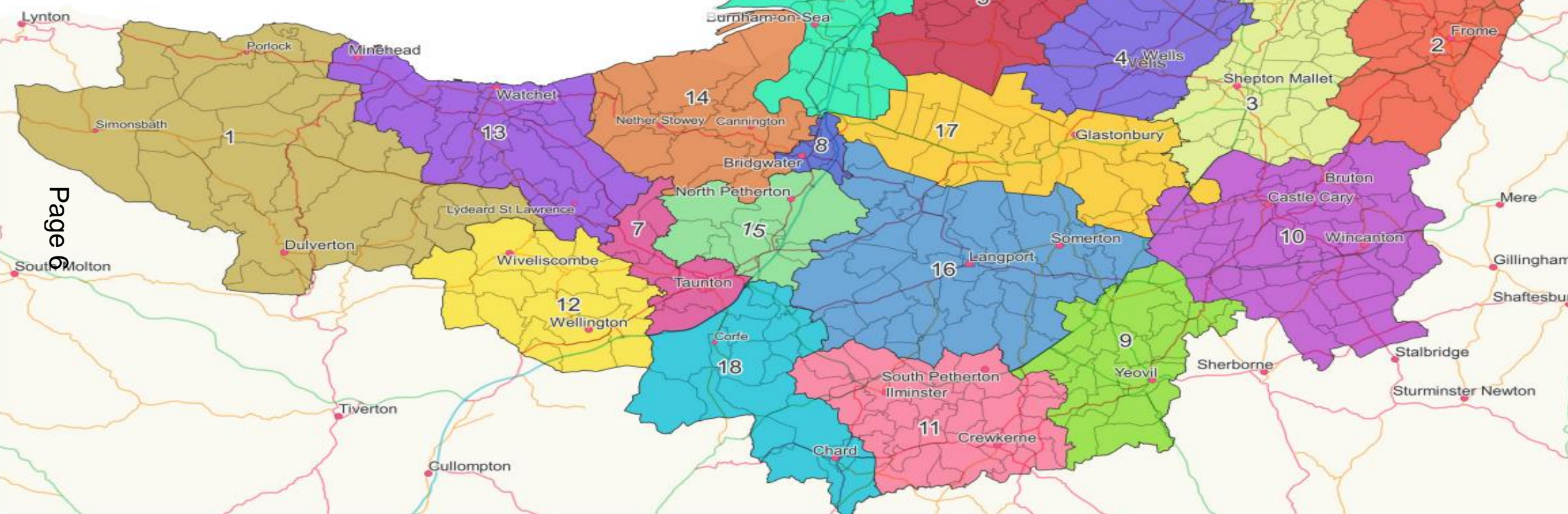
Agenda

1. To elect the chair of the Local Community Network
2. To appoint the Vice-Chair of the Local Community Network
3. To receive any apologies for absence
4. Declarations of Interest
5. Public Questions (not covered on the agenda)
6. To determine the priorities and areas of focus for the Local Community Network for the next 12 months
 - a. What are LCNs and how will we work together
 - b. Discussion – What is important to residents and businesses in our area? (An opportunity to raise any local issues or concerns for LCN to consider)
7. To agree the frequency of meetings
8. The schedule of meetings for the next 12 months



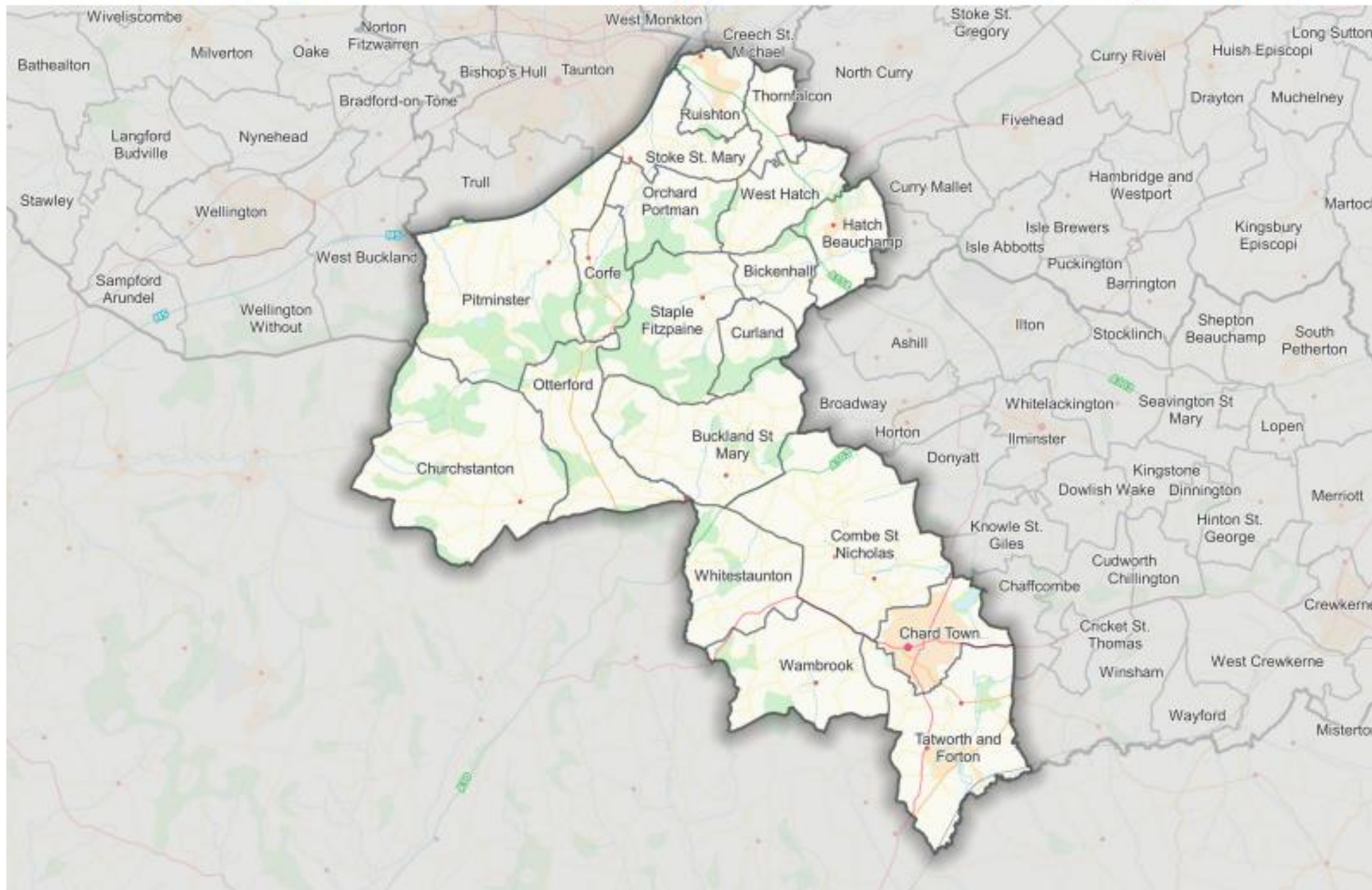
How we will work together

Local Community Network Areas



1 - Exmoor	7 - Taunton	13 - Minehead and Watchet
2 - Frome	8 - Bridgwater	14 - Dowsborough
3 - Shepton	9 - Yeovil	15 - Hestercombe
4 - Wells and Rural	10 - Wincanton	16 - Levels and Moors
5 - Cheddar and Axbridge	11 - Crewkerne and Ilminster	17 - Avalon and Poldens
6 - Burnham	12 - Wellington and Wiveliscombe	18 - Chard and Blackdowns





The Purpose of LCNs

To be the focus for the new Council for community engagement and development, within an ethos of local partnership working, looking to improve outcomes for residents through establishing strong connections between Somerset Council, our communities and our partners.

What LCNs will do

- Be a forum for community voice, engagement and influence
- Be a means for enhancing participation in democracy and local decision making
- They will be discursive and inclusive spaces
- Enhance collaboration by bringing together at a local level, representatives from partner organisations, town, City and parish councils, community groups and residents
- Identify evidence-based community priorities; across economic, social and environmental issues
- Create plans to reflect how the priorities will be addressed
- Identify and secure resource opportunities for local projects

How they will be supported

- We will have 9 Link Officers across the 18 areas
- There will be a web presence for each LCN area
- We are creating bespoke data/information packs for all areas
- There is an LCN Handbook and FAQs on the website
- We will work together to better understand the needs of our communities through discussion and working groups
- Notes will be taken at each meeting along with a record of identified actions

Building LCN Capacity and Engagement

- The role of the Link Officer
- Interim support
- Customer access points

Any questions?



What's important to our residents?

Discussion questions

- What topics are important to our residents?
 - How do we know?
 - What data/evidence/information would help?
- What could be done to solve/improve topics?
 - Are there local examples already working?
- Who do we need to involve?
 - Who else could be in the room (Partners & Stakeholders)?
 - Please list with contact details



Useful links:

[Local Community Networks
\(somerset.gov.uk\)](https://www.somerset.gov.uk)

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