



Your Local Community Network

Agenda

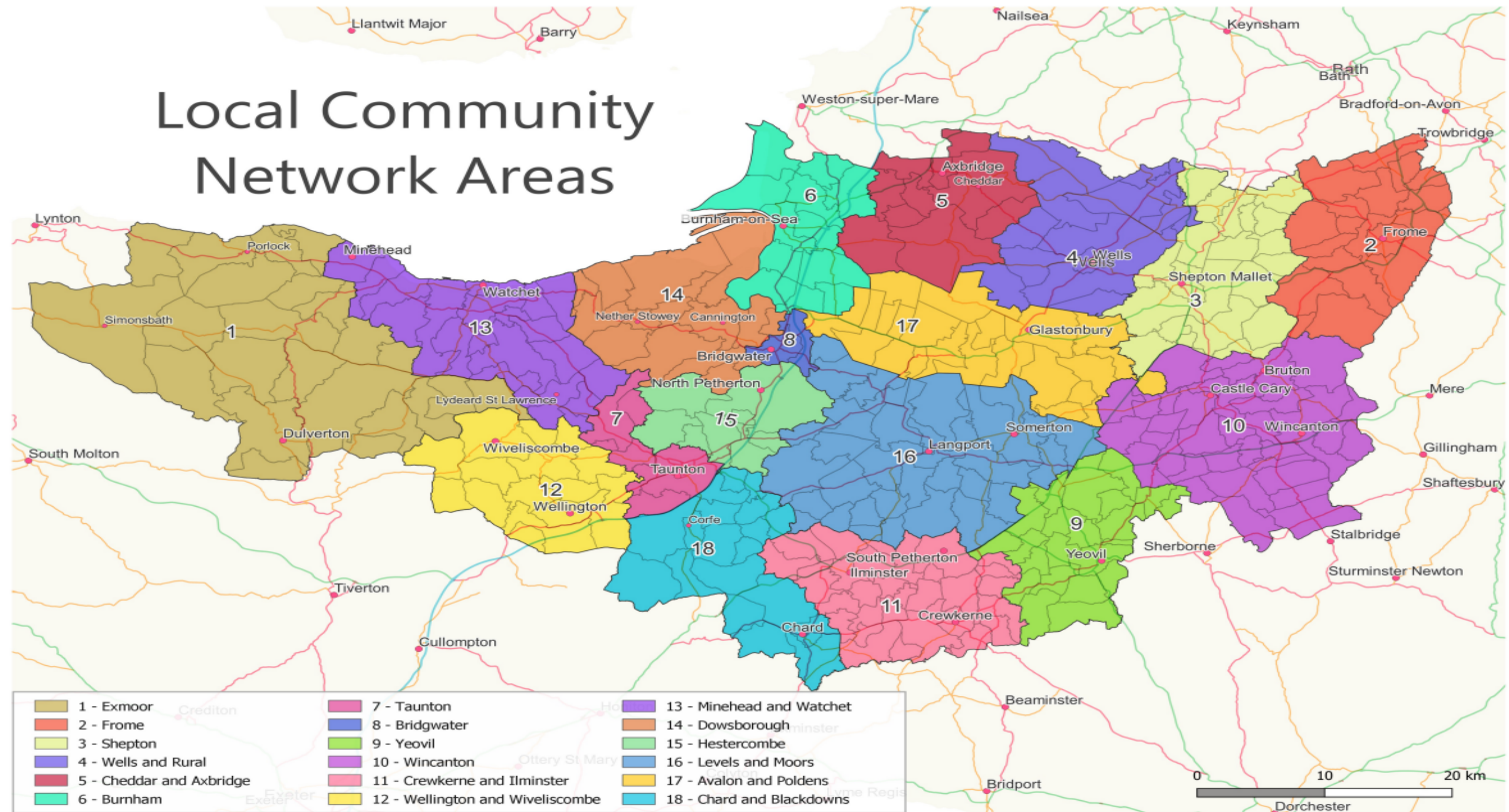
1. To elect the chair of the Local Community Network
2. To appoint the Vice-Chair of the Local Community Network
3. To receive any apologies for absence
4. Declarations of Interest
5. Public Questions (not covered on the agenda)
6. To determine the priorities and areas of focus for the Local Community 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 will we work together?



Local Community Network Areas



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

- ³⁵/₁₇ Be a forum for community voice, engagement and influence
- ³⁵/₁₇ Be a means for enhancing participation in democracy and local decision making
- ³⁵/₁₇ They will be discursive and inclusive spaces
- ³⁵/₁₇ Enhance collaboration by bringing together at a local level, representatives from partner organisations, town, City and parish councils, community groups and residents
- ³⁵/₁₇ Identify evidence-based community priorities; across economic, social and environmental issues
- ³⁵/₁₇ Create plans to reflect how the priorities will be addressed
- ³⁵/₁₇ Identify and secure resource opportunities for local projects

How they will be supported

- Each LCN will be supported by a half time Link Officer
- 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
 - LCN Handbook and FAQs
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**What's
important to
residents in
our area?**

Discussion Questions

- What is important to our residents, how do we know that?
- Is there something we can do about it, are there local examples already working?
- Who do we need to talk to? who else could be in the room? Is there any data that would help?



Your LCNs

Useful links:

[LCN Website](#)

[FAQs](#)

[SES Film](#)

Contact us:

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