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**Subject:** MSP Board meeting 4th October 2005 - Agenda

Dear MSP Board member, please find attached the agenda and papers for the meeting of the Mendip Strategic Partnership Board to be held on Tuesday 4 October 2005 in the Indictment Room at Wells Town Hall at 3pm.

The following documents should accompany this message:

[1 Agenda](#)  
[3 Minutes 7.6.05](#)  
[6 Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act](#)  
[7 Community Strategy for Mendip](#)  
[7A Regenerating the Mendip Economy Draft Action Plan](#)  
[8 MSP Funding Programme and Own Budget](#)  
[8A BFSG notes 23.9.05](#)  
[Appendices 8B to 8F – Funding proposals for each of the five priorities](#)  
[10 Mendip Community Strategy Biodiversity Proofing Report](#)

[Updates for Shepton 21 and Glastonbury SRB Programme will be sent to follow on Thursday.](#)

Regards

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## **Mendip Strategic Partnership**

**Board Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> October 2005**

**3pm at Wells Town Hall**

### **Agenda**

**1. Apologies**

**2. Public Participation**

**3. Minutes of the meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> June 2005**

**4. Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

To elect the Chair and Vice Chair of the MSP Board for the forthcoming year

**5. Parish Plans**

A presentation from Andrew Freeman, Field Worker, Community Council for Somerset

**6. Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act**

Report requesting MSP support in addressing environmental crime

**7. A Community Strategy for Mendip**

To consider the draft revised Community Strategy, previously circulated in hard copy

**8. MSP Funding Programme 2005/06 and Partnership's Own Budget**

The Board is asked to consider recommendations from the Budget and Finance Sub Group for the allocation of Second Homes Council Tax monies for 2005/06

**9. Somerset Local Area Agreement**

Update from Roger Kershaw, Somerset County Council

**10. Mendip Community Strategy Biodiversity Proofing Report and Biodiversity Briefing Note**

Report which includes recommendations for ensuring biodiversity actions are incorporated in the work of the MSP

**11. Shepton 21**

Update for information

**12. Glastonbury SRB**

Update for information

**13. Dates of future meetings**

29 November 2005, commencing at 3pm in the Council Chamber, Mendip District Council  
Proposed dates for 2006 – 7 March, 20 June, 26 September, 28 November. Venues tba

**15. Any Other Business**



## Mendip Strategic Partnership

Minutes of the meeting of the Mendip Strategic Partnership held at 3.00 pm on Tuesday, 7 June 2005 at the Council Chamber, Mendip District Council offices, Shepton Mallet

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Ron Ballantine	Chairman
	Elizabeth John	Mendip District Council
	Sonia Pike	Mid Somerset CAB
	Penny Baker	Mendip Association of Chambers of Commerce
	Tony Shepherd	Mendip Community Support
	Richard Dixon	Mendip Environment Forum
	Zena Pollard	Mendip Business Exchange
	Trevor Ashford	Avon and Somerset Constabulary
	Cathy Bakewell	Somerset County Council
	Harvey Siggs	Mendip District Council
	Maria Clarke	Somerset County Council
	Roger Kershaw	Somerset County Council

### MENDIP DISTRICT COUNCIL OFFICERS PRESENT:

Stuart Brown	Business Manager – Corporate Finance and Resources
Stuart Cave	Service Manager - Community
Claire Dicken	Committee Officer
Sarah Guscott	External Funding Officer
Sara Skirton	Community Planning and Consultation Officer
Malcolm Williams	Business Manager – Community and Regeneration

### ALSO

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Caroline Gamlin	Mendip Primary Care Trust
	Glen Crocker	Smoke Free Somerset Alliance
	Cllr Roy Mackenzie	Mendip District Council

Agenda Item Number	Details	Actioned by
1	<b>Apologies</b> Ian Bennett, Stephen Fowler, Kate Jeffreys, Jacqueline Hele Kergozou, Andy Marsh, Elaine Pugsley, Ian Wallace, Sue West	
2	<b>Public Participation</b> Cllr Roy Mackenzie raised the issue of affordable housing. He welcomed proposals by the Government to lower the threshold	

	<p>for triggering the obligation on developers to provide affordable houses in new housing developments. He hoped for a groundswell of support for applications and flexibility in negotiations.</p> <p>Cllr Mackenzie also spoke about the Single Regeneration Budget (SRB) in Glastonbury. He said that having canvassed a number of people in the town from different backgrounds they didn't seem to have clear understanding of what had been achieved by the SRB. He spoke of the need to publicise success and achievements to the local community.</p>	
3	<p><b>Minutes of the meeting on 1 March 2005</b> Agreed.</p>	
4	<p><b>Government White Paper “Choosing Health – making healthy choices easier”</b></p> <p>Caroline Gamlin, Director of Public Health, Mendip Primary Care Trust outlined details of the Government White Paper which established three underpinning principles of a new public health approach, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Informed Choice</li> <li>• Personalisation</li> <li>• Working Together</li> </ul> <p>The document set out to establish a shared set of priorities for action. These were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reducing the number of people who smoke</li> <li>• Reducing obesity and improving diet and nutrition</li> <li>• Increasing exercise</li> <li>• Encouraging and supporting sensible drinking</li> <li>• Improving sexual health</li> <li>• Improving mental health</li> </ul> <p>Glen Crocker had produced a paper for information on the work of the Smoke Free Somerset Alliance on tobacco control and smoking. He stated that Mendip District Council and the PCT were already signed up to the Alliance and that MSP support was sought.</p> <p>During the debate that followed it was agreed that no additional group needed to be set up to take the issues in the Paper forward as the PCT already had a public health network, which was a group set up to look at health improvements in the wider sense. In other areas the LSPs have formed sub-committees to take parts of the White Paper forward themselves.</p> <p>The Chair suggested that the MSP should support the Mendip</p>	

	<p>PCT and Smoke Free Somerset Alliance to achieve the aims of the White Paper. Although health improvement specifically was not one of the MSP's current five priorities, the MSP would be pleased to help in any way, possibly by strengthening existing groups. Links could be made with the Mendip Children and Young People's Planning Group as its remit was likely to include health promotion for these age groups, and also the Crime Reduction Partnership. The relationship between deprivation and health issues was discussed.</p> <p>The Chair asked that the PCT give an update presentation to the MSP on the PCT's programme to implement the White Paper proposals after some six months.</p>	<b>Sara Skirton</b>
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Report on the 2004 edition of the Somerset Health and Social Needs Analysis</b></p> <p>The External Funding Officer at Mendip District Council outlined details of the Somerset Health and Social Needs Analysis 2004. The report was available on CD and would be made widely available. It was possible to pull out of the report information about particular sections of the community, for instance, age groups or wards.</p> <p>She suggested that the Partnership give consideration as to how they might use the information in the development and delivery of the Community Strategy.</p> <p>The Chair suggested that every member of the Partnership should obtain their own copy of the report. Arrangements would be made for each priority sub group to receive the information to be used on work on their priority.</p>	<b>Sarah Guscott</b>
<b>6</b>	<p><b>MSP Priorities – Progress Report</b></p> <p>The Community Planning and Consultation Officer at Mendip District Council outlined the progress on the five priorities that had been identified for the MSP to begin work on.</p> <p>Members were asked to approve the partnership arrangements and draft action plans for “Tackling Climate Change Locally”, “Strengthening the Voluntary and Community Sector” and “Affordable Decent Housing for All”.</p> <p>Members were also asked to ensure that the issue of resourcing action plans on current priorities was taken into account in discussion on allocation of Second Homes Council Tax Monies, particularly with regard to the actions for Tackling Climate Change Locally, which may require the assistance of consultants.</p> <p>Acknowledging that no single MSP Partner organisation could take the lead on Tackling Climate Change Locally, Richard Dixon stated that individuals' expertise from within partner organisations would be called upon.</p>	

	<p>During the debate that followed it was confirmed that MSP members would see a draft of the Community Strategy before it was finalised.</p> <p>Members agreed the recommendations, including approving the proposed way forward for finalising the Community Strategy for Mendip.</p>	
7	<p><b>Review of Support proved to the Voluntary Sector by Mendip District Council and Update on the Compact for Somerset</b></p> <p>The Service Manager for Community Regeneration at Mendip District Council outlined the support provided to the voluntary sector by Mendip District Council. The current tranche of funding agreements would expire on 31 March 2006. After this new arrangements would made in line with the next budget agreement.</p> <p>He announced to the partnership that Sally Gubb had been recruited as the Grants and Voluntary Sector Officer and would join the authority very soon.</p> <p>During the debate that followed Sonia Pike of the Mid Somerset CAB asked that any decisions about the criteria for funding of voluntary organisations be made and communicated as soon as possible so that the groups were able to plan ahead.</p> <p>It was confirmed that Mendip Community Support could advise groups on potential funding sources and were holding a seminar to do this.</p> <p>As regards the Compact for Somerset, this was being led at County level, supported by representatives of both public, voluntary and community sectors. A further draft for consultation was expected in July/August.</p>	
8	<p><b>MSP Funding Programme 2004/05 and 2005/06 and MSP's own budget</b></p> <p>The Community Planning and Consultation Officer outlined the MSP's funding programme and budget.</p> <p>Members were asked to provide a steer to the Budget and Finance Sub Group to assist it in making recommendations for the allocation of Second Homes Council Tax monies for 2005/06, taking into consideration the five agreed current priorities and the agreed need for a strategic approach.</p> <p>Roger Kershaw confirmed that the amount available for 2005/06 was £99,800.</p> <p>During the discussion that followed it was agreed that the five priority sub groups should agree their action plans and could make proposals to the Budget Sub-Group and MSP for the</p>	

	<p>commissioning of projects to help deliver them. It was also agreed that the Budget and Finance Sub-Group should be convened to discuss this and to identify:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) a medium term financial plan for the Partnership funded from the original partner contributions</li> <li>b) proposals for spending the £15,000 earmarked for the MSP to research identified priorities and community needs retained from last year's second homes resources.</li> </ul>	<b>Sara Skirton</b>
<b>9</b>	<p><b>Shepton 21</b> Zena Pollard announced that Shepton 21 had been given permission to put decorative Sheep on Cannards Grave roundabout. She was disappointed with how long it had taken to get planning permission for this project.</p> <p>The Chairman said that in finalising the Voluntary Sector Compact, consideration should be given to how relationships might be developed so that processes for projects of this nature might be simplified.</p> <p>Meanwhile four subgroups were working on various other projects and Shepton 21 would be raising its profile at Collett Day on 11<sup>th</sup> June and at the Mid-Somerset Show at the end of August.</p>	
<b>10</b>	<p><b>Glastonbury SRB</b> Sonia Pike informed the Partnership that the SRB Programme for Glastonbury had been extended to March 2006. The delivery plan had been completed and can be circulated to MSP Board members. Consultants had been engaged to evaluate the plan.</p> <p>In response to Cllr Mackenzie's earlier comments, newsletters had been circulated to all homes in the town and another was planned.</p>	
<b>11</b>	<p><b>Somerset Gateway</b> Sara Skirton brought to the Partnership's attention the existence of 'Somerset Gateway', a community information website which is at <a href="http://www.somerset.gov.uk/somersetgateway">www.somerset.gov.uk/somersetgateway</a></p>	
<b>12</b>	<p><b>Dates of Future meetings</b> 6 September and 29 November 2005, both commencing at 3pm in the Council Chamber at Mendip District Council.</p>	
<b>13</b>	<p><b>Any Other Business</b> <b>Somerset County Council Elected Member Representation on MSP Board</b> Cathy Bakewell informed the Partnership that Pauline Clarke would be taking her place on the MSP as the representative from Somerset County Council. The Chair thanked Cathy for her very strong input and support to the MSP.</p> <p><b>MSP Representation on Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP)</b></p>	

	The Chair agreed to represent the MSP on the CDRP	
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The meeting finished at approximately 5.15 pm

# The Mendip Strategic Partnership

Agenda Item: 6

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FROM: Rob Thurston – Service Manager, Street and Landscape Services, Mendip District Council      Date: 4 October 2005

SUBJECT: **Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act**

## **1. SUMMARY/INTRODUCTION**

1.1 On 7<sup>TH</sup> June 2005 significant elements of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act came into force. Whilst many aspects of the powers and duties identified in the act are operational in nature there is also a number of wide ranging strategic implications.

1.2 The primary thrust of the legislation is aimed at the government's focus of Cleaner, Greener Safer local communities. To this end much of the legislation is targeted at Crime and disorder and environmental anti-social behaviour. Targeted issues include measures for local crime and disorder reduction partnerships as well environmental nuisance and crime such as abandoned vehicles, fly tipping, dog fouling legislation and noise nuisance controls.

1.3 At a local authority level Mendip District council have been investigating the powers and responsibilities that derive from the act and now believe that it is appropriate to discuss the wider strategic implications with the MSP.

## **2. STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

2.1 The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act is part of a wider concerted initiative by central government to ensure that the broader community is engaged in tackling environmental crime and issues. The report by ENCAMS (Environmental Campaigns – formerly the Tidy Britain Group) titled "Tackling Environmental Crime" identifies that "The challenge is to shift away from the view that environmental problems are solely a local authority cleansing issue, to embracing them as fundamental to partnerships' core crime and disorder work".

2.2 In the same spirit as is being promoted for local partnerships, central government is also demonstrating a broader strategic approach to these issues. This has entailed a joined up approach in initiatives from various

government departments including DEFRA (Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs) and the ODPM (Office of the Deputy Prime Minister). These departments in turn have ensured that such agencies as ENCAMS, the Audit Commission and the Environment Agency are equally engaged. There is an expectation that local authority's and strategic partnerships will engage in this process to deliver the full benefits to the community.

2.3 Consideration of the strategic partnership priorities shows that initiatives to tackle environmental crime will contribute to more than one of the priorities: -

- **Affordable, Decent Housing for All**  
Tackling environmental crime has an immediate impact in the local environment and on areas of domestic housing
- **Regenerating the Mendip Economy**  
Reducing litter and rubbish, noise pollution, dog fouling, fly posting, fly tipping, abandoned vehicles etc are all factors that impact on the local economy by virtue of tourism, provision of a pleasant environment to encourage new business and investment etc.
- **Investing in Children and Young People**  
The emphasis on tackling environmental crime must also involve positive actions for children and young people. This may include investment in facilities / activities but may also involve positive engagement in respect of tackling environmental crime issues.

### **3. RECOMMENDATION**

3.1 The MSP Board is asked to

- note the report on the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act
- confirm the support of the Board in exploring and pursuing a wider strategic approach to the tackling of environmental crime.
- (Subject to the support of the board) identify suitable contacts within the respective partnership organisations

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# The Mendip Strategic Partnership

Agenda Item: 7

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FROM: Team Leader - Community Planning and Communications,  
Mendip District Council

Date: 4 October 2005

SUBJECT: **A Community Strategy for Mendip**

## **1. SUMMARY/INTRODUCTION**

1.1 At its meeting in June 2005 the MSP Board received a progress report on the development of action plans for taking forward each of the agreed five priority areas:

- Affordable, Decent Housing for All
- Regenerating the Mendip Economy
- Investing in Children and Young People
- Strengthening the Voluntary and Community Sector
- Tackling Climate Change Locally

1.2 Work has been ongoing to develop these action plans. In most cases these are virtually complete and are included as Appendix B to the revised Community Strategy for Mendip, which was sent in hard copy to MSP Board members on 16<sup>th</sup> September. The draft action plan for Regenerating the Mendip Economy was not complete at that time so is attached as Appendix A to this report.

A draft summary version of the Strategy has also been sent to Board members.

1.3 The revision of the main Strategy document has included:

- General updating of facts and figures
- Development of some indicators for each of the eleven Themes
- Development of a framework for monitoring progress on the five Priorities and the Long Term Aims of the Strategy.

## **2. MONITORING THE COMMUNITY STRATEGY AND ACTION PLANS**

2.1 The revised Community Strategy now includes a number of indicators for the eleven Themes. Some indicators are still being developed and / or data sources are being identified.

2.2 The intention is to track the direction of these indicators over time. Any significant changes should help the MSP when it comes to consider future priorities.

2.3 In order to demonstrate that the actions in the Priority Action Plans are being achieved, a performance monitoring framework is set out in the Community Strategy. This will involve the setting up of a Performance Monitoring Group made up of the MSP Chair, Vice Chair, a representative from each of the five Priority Sub Groups and relevant Council Officer support. The Board will receive regular progress reports from this Group.

### **3. NEXT STEPS**

3.1 Once the MSP Board has agreed the content of the Community Strategy, its Action Plans and the Summary document, the next step will be to arrange for the documents to be professionally set out and published in hard copy and to the website.

3.2 It is proposed that the Chair or other nominated Board member work with the Team Leader to:

- agree the final text
- approve the images and design of the documents, on behalf of the MSP Board.

3.3 It also anticipated that the Communications Sub Group will be involved in the image selection, design, publication and distribution stages.

### **4. RECOMMENDATION**

4.1 To approve, subject to any necessary amendments or additions:

- the revised Community Strategy document
- the draft Community Strategy summary document,
- the action plans for each of the five Priorities

4.2 To approve the proposed performance management framework, as detailed in the Community Strategy. Specifically to approve the setting up of a Performance Monitoring Group to track progress and report back to the MSP Board

4.3 That the Chair or other nominated Board member signs off the final drafts of the Community Strategy, Action Plans and Summary documents

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### Regenerating the Mendip Economy - Action Plan

Objective	Action	Who	Start	Finish	Target /Output
<b>Commission, consult upon and seek approval of an Economic Regeneration Strategy for the Mendip area</b>	Consolidate Subgroup – complete exercise of forming a broadly based subgroup to lead on the regeneration priority	Initially MDC as Priority lead	Oct 05?		
	Scope out draft strategy, including components for rural development and tourism, taking account of strategic Somerset framework	Subgroup, possible consultant input	Oct /Nov 05?		
	Consult upon draft strategy	Subgroup	Jan 06?	Feb 06	
	Approval and adoption of regeneration Strategy, and rollout of action plan	MDC/stakeholders/identified partners/MSP		May/June 2006	Adopted strategy and Action Plan
<b>Sustaining Regeneration initiatives in Glastonbury</b>	Working out robust mechanisms for local agencies to build on the investment made by SWRDA and other partners through SRB funding between 2000 – 2006	SRB Partnership/MDC/SWRDA	June 2005	March/April 2006	Adoption of the 'forward' strategy for the 'Bringing Glastonbury Together' SRB programme, to maintain the impetus of regeneration work

## Regenerating the Mendip Economy - Action Plan

Objective	Action	Who	Start	Finish	Target /Output
	Reinvigorating the partnership to deliver a regenerated Morland site	SWRDA/MDC/SCC/Wessex Water/Environment Agency	Ongoing	Summer 2006	Main infrastructure completed
<b>Devising and implementing a Community Strategic Plan for Shepton Mallet and its Rural Hinterland</b>	Appraising and endorsing the work undertaken by the MCTi 'Shepton 21' Steering Group	SWRDA/MSP Sub group/local community		March/April 2006	Adopted Community Plan for Shepton Mallet
	Participation in prioritizing of initiatives stemming from strategic plan	Community/local stakeholders/local agencies	Spring 2006 onwards		Prioritized list of projects/initiatives to be pursued as key projects for Shepton Mallet and the surrounding rural area
<b>Creating a more enterprising and business friendly culture in the Mendip area</b>	Cascading out to other partners the developing good practise on the 'business ambassador' initiative and other measures to assist enterprise development	MDC/SCC/other statutory bodies/FSB/Chambers/Business Link	May 2006		Increasing the number of SME's starting and developing in the area
	Enhancing liaison between the business community	MACOC/FSB/MDC	March 2006		Enhanced partnership working and networking

## Regenerating the Mendip Economy - Action Plan

Objective	Action	Who	Start	Finish	Target /Output
	and other local partnership bodies by extending the number of participating agencies to the Mendip Business Exchange programme				between businesses and local agencies
<b>Promoting Mendip as an attractive, sustainable location for Business</b>	Investigate what makes Mendip an attractive location for small enterprise	MDC/consultants?	April 2006?		Clear understanding of conditions for successful marketing of Mendip
	Devise targeted marketing exercise using partnership other funding, based on research/strategy	MSPSubgroup/MDC/consultants?/owners of employment land & premises	October 2006?	Dec 2006?	Increase the number of SME's relocating in area
	consider range of grant schemes targeted on particular sectors of the local economy, based on strategy work outcomes and recognised need-including tourism and the more rural areas	MDC/Mendip Business Exchange/Business Link	October 2006?	onwards	Increased levels of activity in target sectors



# The Mendip Strategic Partnership

Agenda Item: 8

FROM: Team Leader Community Planning and Communications, Mendip District Council Date: 4 October 2005

SUBJECT: **MSP Funding Programme 2005/06**

## **1. SUMMARY/INTRODUCTION**

1.1 Second Homes Council Tax Monies available to the MSP for allocation in 2005/06 comprise:

- £15,000 allocated to the MSP from 2004/05 Second Homes Council Tax monies for research to support its priorities, to be spent in 2005/06
- £121,490 allocated to the MSP from 2005/06 Second Homes Council Tax monies, to be committed in this current financial year

1.2 On 11<sup>th</sup> July 2005 the Budget and Finance Sub Group (BFSG) agreed to recommend that £15,000 be allocated from the 2005/06 monies to continue to support Police Community Support Officers in Glastonbury and Frome.

1.3 The BFSG proposed that £100,000 of the remaining 106,490 of the 2005/2006 second homes monies be made available for each of the five Priority Sub Groups to bid against. The minutes of the July BFSG were circulated to MSP Board members to ensure agreement with this approach.

1.4 The identified lead agencies for each of the five Priority Sub Groups were invited to submit proposals for funds that would help the development and delivery of the emerging Priority action plans.

## **2. MSP'S OWN (NON-SECOND HOMES MONIES) BUDGET 2005/2006**

2.1 At April 1<sup>st</sup> 2005, a sum of £17,025.35 was available to the Partnership, the residue of initial contributions from Somerset County Council, Mendip District Council, Mendip Housing Limited and Mendip Primary Care Trust.

2.2 Expenditure so far this financial year is as follows:

Travel and Expenses	£	308.15
Attendance at LSP Conference	£	299.00

2.3 The total currently available to the Board, exclusive of 'Second Homes' funding, is £ 16,418.20.

2.4 Detailed accounts may be inspected by Board Members at any time at the Council's offices.

### **3. ALLOCATION SECOND HOMES MONIES 2004/05 AND 2005/06**

3.1 The BFSG met again on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2005 to consider the proposals put forward by each Priority Sub Group. Additionally, it considered a request from Somerset Biodiversity Steering Group / Somerset Environmental Records Centre for funding for research to progress phase 2 of the Mendip Biodiversity Action Plan review

3.2 The minutes of this meeting form Appendix A to this report and the Priority Sub Group proposals accompany this report as Appendices B to F.

### **4. RECOMMENDATION**

4.1 The Board is asked to approve the following allocation of Second Homes Council Tax monies for 2005/06:

Strengthening the Voluntary & Community Sector	£11,430
Tackling Climate Change Locally	£35,000
Regenerating the Mendip Economy	£22,500
Affordable Decent Housing for All	£15,000
Investing in Children and Young People	£20,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>£103,930</b>

4.2 The Board is asked to approve the allocation of £4,000 from the MSP's remaining 2004/05 monies. This would leave £11,000 of the 2004/05 monies, which need to be spent in the current financial year

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**Budget and Finance Sub Group of the Mendip Strategic Partnership  
Notes of the meeting held 23 September 2005 at Mendip District Council**

Present: Ron Ballantine (Chair), Richard Dixon, Nigel Farrow (SCC), Tony Shepherd (MCS), Sarah Guscott (MDC), Sara Skirton (MDC)

Attending to present proposals: Jo Milling (MDC), Malcolm Williams (MDC), Christian Trevelyan (MDC)

Apologies: Ian Bennett, Andy Marsh, Trevor Ashford, Roger Kershaw

1	<p><b>Minutes of the meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> July 2005</b></p> <p>The minutes were agreed as a true record of the proceedings. It was agreed that matters arising in relation to a request for funding from Somerset Biodiversity Steering Group (SBSG) / Somerset Environmental Records Centre (SERC) would be dealt with later in the meeting.</p>	
2	<p><b>MSP Funding Programme 2005/06</b></p> <p>The Group was reminded that each of the Priority Sub Groups had been invited to submit proposals for a share of the second homes Council Tax monies for 2005/06, to help progress the priority action plans.</p> <p>£121,490 had been allocated to the MSP to be committed in 2005/06, of which £15,000 had already been allocated to help fund Police Community Support Officers in Frome and Glastonbury. This left a sum of £106,490 of which £100,000 was being made available for the five Priority Sub Groups to bid against.</p> <p><b>Strengthening the Voluntary and Community Sector</b></p> <p>Tony Shepherd outlined a bid for funding totalling £11,430 that would facilitate the development of a comprehensive data base of voluntary and community organisations in Mendip, from the larger organisations to the very small ones run by just one person. The bid also included requests for funding to undertake communications actions to promote the work of Mendip Community Support. This would be via newsletters, features in the local media, and a conference or workshop.</p> <p>The Group expressed its support for the work that Tony outlined and agreed to recommend funding of £11,430 in the current financial year.</p> <p><b>Tackling Climate Change Locally</b></p> <p>Jo Milling outlined a bid that had been developed by herself and Richard Dixon, which included three elements totalling £60,150:</p> <p>Funding for production of a climate change strategy      £20,000</p>	

	<p>Funding for a programme of partner and Community Initiatives in Mendip, based on Somerset Trust for Sustainable Development's "Community Choices for Sustainable Living" project £21,400</p> <p>3 years' match funding for "Invest to Save" Budget bid to carry out joint energy auditing and awareness training £18,750</p> <p>The Group recognised the potential advantages of engaging with the Defra funding, over a three year period, secured by the Somerset Trust for Sustainable Development and to provide match funding for an Invest to Save Budget bid, but considered that fully funding all three elements of the proposal in 2005/06 was not feasible. The Chair stated that bids for match funding for years 2 and 3 (some £6,500 pa) should be favourably considered by the MSP. However, should funds not be available, he believed the MSP would be prepared to approach other partners for financial support.</p> <p>It was felt that a smaller amount would still help to achieve the objectives in the Tackling Climate Change Locally action plan and so the Group recommended funding of £35,000 in the current financial year.</p> <p><b>Regenerating the Mendip Economy</b>  Malcolm Williams presented a proposal which included a bid for MSP funding totalling £37,500 and contained the following elements:</p> <table data-bbox="279 1288 1189 1512"> <tr> <td>Preliminary Research to support a Regeneration Strategy</td> <td>£ 7,500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Marketing and Promotion</td> <td>£15,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Grant schemes</td> <td>£15,000</td> </tr> </table> <p>The Group indicated support for the proposal but considered that the grant scheme element could be revisited once the strategy had been developed and therefore recommended funding of £22,500 in the current financial year.</p> <p><b>Affordable Decent Housing for All</b>  Christian Trevelyan outlined a bid from the Mendip Strategic Housing Partnership for £35,000 to pay for a project worker. This project worker would be employed for one year to develop a Multi Agency Toolkit for voluntary and statutory agencies to identify work paths and projects taking place across the district.</p> <p>After much discussion, the Group agreed to recommend that the</p>	Preliminary Research to support a Regeneration Strategy	£ 7,500	Marketing and Promotion	£15,000	Grant schemes	£15,000	
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Marketing and Promotion	£15,000							
Grant schemes	£15,000							

	<p>MSP fund this project in the sum of £15,000 in this financial year.</p> <p><b>Investing in Children and Young People</b>  The Group considered a proposal from the Mendip Children and Young People’s Planning Group (CYPPG) for funding a programme of engagement with children and young people. The total of the bid was £25,000. The engagement would ensure children and young people’s input into the design of services that would be available to them in Mendip, as part of the new locality CYPPG team set-up. Sara Skirton circulated information about Every Child Matters, a government framework of desired outcomes, within which the CYPPG was working.</p> <p>The Group supported the project and recommended funding of £20,000</p> <p><b>Recommendations</b>  After due consideration of each of the proposals, the Group agreed to recommend to the Mendip Strategic Partnership Board that second homes Council Tax monies for 2005/06 be directed to each of the five priorities as follows:</p> <table data-bbox="279 996 1125 1220"> <tr> <td>Strengthening the Voluntary &amp; Community Sector</td> <td>£11,430</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tackling Climate Change Locally</td> <td>£35,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Regenerating the Mendip Economy</td> <td>£22,500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Affordable Decent Housing for All</td> <td>£15,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Investing in Children and Young People</td> <td>£20,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total</b></td> <td><b>£103,930</b></td> </tr> </table> <p><i>(Although the total of £103,930 is in excess of the £100,000 originally set aside for the priorities, this could be met as the total fund available in 2005/06 is £106,490)</i></p> <p>The Group wished to thank and commend the five Priority Sub Groups for the quality of the bids.</p>	Strengthening the Voluntary & Community Sector	£11,430	Tackling Climate Change Locally	£35,000	Regenerating the Mendip Economy	£22,500	Affordable Decent Housing for All	£15,000	Investing in Children and Young People	£20,000	<b>Total</b>	<b>£103,930</b>	
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	<p><b>MSP Website Update</b>  The Group heard that Richard Dixon had made substantial improvements and updates to the Website since the last meeting. Discussions had taken place with Mendip District Council to see if it would be appropriate to host the MSP website on the Council’s Community Portal. It was felt however that at this stage, the functionality offered by the Community Portal was less than could be achieved at present. It was acknowledged that the functionality of the Portal may increase in future, in which case the situation would be reviewed. Sara agreed to discuss the Website with Somerset County Council to see if they were able to offer a higher level of functionality. The Chair thanked Richard for all his work on developing and maintaining the website.</p>													

3	<p><b>Request from SBSG/ SERC for additional funding for phase 2 of the Biodiversity Action Plan review</b></p> <p>The Group was reminded that it still had £15,000 remaining from the 21004/05 second homes monies.</p> <p>SBSG had previously been awarded funding of £4,400 in 2004/05 to help towards reviewing Biodiversity management in Mendip. They were now requesting £4,000 to progress to Phase 2 of the project. The Group felt that the work had a good fit with the MSP's priorities and decided to recommend an award of £4,000 to come from the MSP's remaining 2004/05 monies.</p>	
4	<p><b>MSP's Own budget</b></p> <p>The Group was reminded that the MSP had a total of £16,418 remaining in its own (exclusive of Second Homes funding) budget. It was noted that the Council, who act as banker for the MSP, had divided this budget into a number of sub headings, which included travel and expenses, consultants and printing and stationery.</p>	

MENDIP COMMUNITY SUPPORT  
STRENGTHENING THE VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR  
RESEARCH PROPOSAL

## SUMMARY

The Mendip Strategic Partnership considered a number of topics for action and after much deliberation agreed on five priority areas for further consideration. Strengthening the voluntary and community sector was one of these five priorities.

Following a successful workshop certain criteria within the priority were identified for further action. This proposal outlines a plan for achieving the objectives set. The proposal is in two parts (a) research into the identification of organisations working in the voluntary and community sector and (b) communications with the sector and the general public.

## NEED

### A. DATABASE

For a number of years there has been a need to establish comprehensively the number of voluntary and community organisations operating in the area served by Mendip District Council and understand the role they play in the community. A number of attempts have been made to produce a database of all of these groups, the latest being a database managed by the library service (Somerset Gateway). Although considerable efforts have been made the Somerset Gateway is far from comprehensive with less than 25% of the known organisations listed. Mendip Community Support (MCS) retains a list of 43 members, plus a further 52 groups who are also on our mailing list, but are not members. There is confusion both within the sector and among the wider public (including agencies) as to what constitutes voluntary organisations. This work will cover both voluntary and community groups

### B. NEWSLETTER

Regular forums held in the five market towns currently maintain communication with the members of MCS. However due to the busy schedule of the volunteers (some are paid workers) the meetings cannot be arranged to suit all members. The consensus of opinion received from the membership is that a regular newsletter would be the most useful means of first level communication.

## AIMS, OBJECTIVES AND PRIORITIES

Project (a) is a research project to: -

- Work in conjunction with Somerset Gateway to identify all voluntary and community groups not currently listed on Somerset Gateway or known to organisations such as Mendip Community Support.
- Clarify the partnership aspirations of both voluntary and statutory sectors
- Ascertain from as many voluntary and community groups as possible how they fit into the priorities identified by the Mendip Strategic Partnership
- Ascertain whether these groups have priorities, which differ from those, identified by the Strategic Partnership.

Project (b) is a communications activity as identified at the workshop organised by the Mendip Strategic Partnership to: -

- Produce a newsletter for circulation to all voluntary and community groups
- Produce articles for inclusion in 'Your Mendip' produced by Mendip District Council
- Produce in conjunction with Mendip Strategic Partnership a monthly article for inclusion in local newspapers

The overall aim is to strengthen the voluntary and community sector in Mendip, to support community needs.

The objectives of project (a) are: -

- To enable MCS to provide a more effective support to voluntary and community organisations by being better informed of those active in the District, and priorities and needs.
- To enable the voluntary sector to build its capacity through networking and partnership

The objective of project (b) is to raise the profile of the voluntary and community sector and its contribution to the local community and economy

## PROPOSAL

Proposal (a) - research project

To identify the secretary, chairman or organiser of groups operating and ascertain details of their organisation and the community who benefit from their operation. In order to consistently ascertain the needs of each group a short internal questionnaire will be produced, which although will not be issued to the group concerned it will ensure that all organisations are asked the same questions and the same information recorded.

Proposal (b) - communications action

It is essential to find a way to market the services provided by the voluntary and community sector within Mendip. One of the ways of achieving this objective is by identifying all of the organisations working in Mendip and publicising the positive elements of their work. Hence it is proposed to produce a high quality newsletter on a quarterly basis which posted to all voluntary and community sector groups and statutory organisations. In addition regular articles will be prepared for the Mendip District Council newsletter circulated to all households. The articles would include a topical news section about the various groups working in the sector, information relating to statutory changes effecting the sector, training courses available, an update of funding availability in addition to providing a notice board of what is available to the sector.

An annual workshop for all voluntary and statutory organisations operating within Mendip will be organised.

## PROGRAMME AND MILESTONES

It is anticipated that the research project will take about four months to complete and the communications project will commence within four months of funding being made available. Following this a newsletter will be issued to voluntary and community groups every three months and articles will regularly appear in the press and Your Mendip.

## PARTNERSHIP WORKING

Mendip Community Support will lead the project but work closely with Mendip Strategic Partnership and other leading voluntary organisations and form an editorial team. To ensure that the voluntary and community sector is fully covered the various organisations will be offered the opportunity to contribute to the articles appearing in the newsletter.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The anticipated costs are: -

Proposal (a) - research project

Anticipated Cost £3370

Proposal (b) - communications action

Anticipated Cost - Newsletter and Contributions to Other Journals £6310

Conference/Workshops £1750 (assumes support from Mendip DC revenue)

A copy of the breakdown of anticipated costs identifying the areas of expenditure forms part of the appendices

## PERSONNEL

Mendip Community Support resources will be used to implement and to manage the project to ensure that the targets met.

## PHYSICAL RESOURCES

The resources of MCS will be used to progress this project.

## PUBLIC RELATIONS AND MARKETTING

Personal contact with the organisations is an essential element of this strategy; hence the newsletter will be distributed to libraries, Information Points and all gathering points for the community.

## MONITORING AND EVALUATION

Mendip Community Support will monitor the project providing monitoring reports of all activities. These reports will be available for scrutiny and form part of the regular progress reports and completion report made to Mendip Strategic Partnership and other partners.

## CONTINGENCY PLANS AND EXIT STRATEGY

The project plan is time limited. The research element of the plan will have a database of voluntary and community organisations available for future reference. With regards to the communications project every effort will be made to obtain advertising to pay for future years.

## APPENDICES

Financial Implications - The breakdown of the anticipated costs for each objective form part of the appendices.

Prepared by Tony Shepherd (Mendip Community Support)

9<sup>th</sup> September 2005

MENDIP COMMUNITY SUPPORT  
 POTENTIAL EXPENDITURE/INCOME PROFILE  
 RESEARCH

Description	No.
Paid Employees (part-time)	1
	£
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
Employee Costs	
Salaries	1370
N.I.	120
Insurance (Employers Liability)	50
Travelling Expenses	200
Telephone Costs	350
Accommodation	150
Office Stationary etc	100
Postage	200
Photocopying	40
Advertising	500
Miscellaneous	290
Estimated Cost	3370

# Tackling Climate Change Locally

## Introduction

The MSP has identified tackling climate change locally as one of its priorities. We are already having a significant effect on the earth's climate and this is an area which is likely to be one of the greatest challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. The scale of the challenge means that fundamental changes need to be made and the MSP with its diversity of organisations and emphasis on partnership working is ideally placed to make an impact.

In the context of the overall funds available to the MSP this is a large bid. If this bid is successful, however, it will bring in an additional £80,000 (133%) of "match" funding from non district sources.

Whilst many organisations have some responsibility for tackling climate change, and all have an obligation to make changes in their own structures and activities, no one organisation has an overall responsibility or funding for this area of work. The MSP is the best organisation to take this agenda forward and the proposals for funding reflect this opportunity to lead the way.

## Background

Following the MSP workshop on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2005 a draft action plan has been drawn up to address the MSP priority of "tackling climate change locally". The action plan is attached to this report.

## Options Considered

### 1. Climate change strategy

The draft action plan sets out an initial need to develop a climate change strategy and action plan. This work should be undertaken by consultants specialising in this field, who can supply expertise which is not available within any of the partner organisations. The project will entail bringing together a working group, involving both organisations with an environmental remit, and organisations which have a large climate change impact (but do not necessarily regard themselves as having an environmental focus), and working up a strategy and action plan for the local area.

The strategy should look at mitigation of climate change as well as local adaptation to its effects.

The County Council is producing a strategy which looks at adaptation to the effects of climate change across the County and the Mendip based work should nest within that context. The Mendip strategy should look at local measures to mitigate climate change, as well as local adaptation. The strategy will contribute to, but does not replicate the County wide work.

£20,000 will be required to commission consultants with the necessary expertise.

## **2. Implementation**

Two opportunities for implementation projects have arisen where ~~significant~~ additional (external) funding could be secured if part funding were made available from the MSP. Both these projects fit with the likely outputs of a climate change strategy as set out in the priority action plan, combining medium term actions

- raise awareness of the issues and help to change behaviours, and
- mitigate the effects of climate change.

In both cases the opportunity is available now, and will not be repeated.

### **2.1 Partner and Community Initiatives**

The Somerset Trust for Sustainable Development (STSD) has recently won funding from Defra for a project entitled “Community Choices for Sustainable Living”. This aims to provide guidance on sustainable lifestyle choices and to coordinate action by volunteers in a wide range of activities related to climate change across Somerset. This would reinforce work to produce and implement a climate change strategy. Additional funding would allow this project to be extended in the Mendip area, with capacity for a larger number of local community projects and targeted guidance on sustainable options in the Mendip area. It would include work with local community networks (potentially co-ordinated through the Environment Forum). This opportunity would form the basis of a programme of partner and community initiatives which will raise awareness and generate action to mitigate climate change. Specific outputs proposed are:

- Recruitment of 10 community champions
- Hold two training events for community champions
- Support action by 20 existing and new groups
- Production of a Mendip sustainable living information pack

This will be delivered by a new Mendip Sustainable Living Project officer post to be employed by STSD and guided by the Mendip Environment Forum.

£21400 will be required to carry out this match funded project.

### **2.2 Invest to Save Budget Bid**

This project aims to promote energy efficiency across the range of organisations represented on the MSP, identifying practical measures, raising awareness and generating behavioural change to save carbon emissions. It will look particularly for areas where additional savings can be made through organisations working together. This might include initiatives such as shared use of meeting space, remote working, joint delivery of local services and shared renewable energy infrastructure. It also includes public awareness raising, to be carried out alongside work with local organisations, using local voluntary networks (potentially coordinated by the Mendip Environment

forum). An initial expression of interest has been submitted for the consideration of the Treasury, supported by Defra and has initially been well received. If successful the working group will be invited to work up a full bid in the autumn. In order for this project to go forward, over the next 3 years it will be necessary to provide match funding of £6250 a year, totalling £18750. This represents 25% of the project cost, drawing in £56250 of funding from Invest to Save Budget. The MSP is the most appropriate body to provide this funding. It will strengthen the bid considerably if all 3 years match funding is available this year, as this will give the certainty that the ISB bid will require that match funding will be available. £18750 will be required to match fund the ISB grant to carry out a programme of joint energy auditing across MSP partners

### **Recommendation**

This bid for funding to support the “tackling climate change locally” priority is quite large as a proportion of the funding available. However, this reflects the nature of the priority in that;

- The need to tackle climate change is becoming urgent, as scientific evidence points increasingly to the adverse effects of changing weather patterns on society, including those affecting this District,
- No one authority has responsibility for tackling climate change and the multi-disciplinary nature of the MSP makes it an ideal organisation to tackle this issue, which may not otherwise be treated as a priority,
- This is a field which does not have existing, well established structures and funding streams to tackle the issue locally, and
- Opportunities have arisen for 2 implementation projects, which will make a considerable contribution to tackling this priority locally. In both cases a relatively small contribution of match funding will secure a wider project and there are synergies between the 3 elements of the bid. These opportunities are available now, but will not be repeated in the next financial year.

The board is asked to agree the following funding proposals for the “tackling climate change locally” priority;

Production of a climate change strategy	£20,000
Funding for a programme of partner and community initiatives, based on Somerset Trust for Sustainable Development’s “Community Choices for Sustainable Living” project	£21,400
match funding for Invest to Save Budget bid to carry out joint energy auditing and awareness raising	£18750

**Mendip Strategic Partnership Funding Programme  
Regenerating the Local Economy**

<b>Provisional Funding Proposal</b>	<b>Links to other Funding</b>	<b>Provisional Bid</b>
<b>1. Preliminary Research</b>		
<p>A key component of the Local Economy MSP Action Plan will be the production of an over-arching regeneration strategy covering tourism, rural issues and urban regeneration. It is anticipated that there will be some basic research required to address gaps in local knowledge. For example, it is Anticipated that research will be needed on a better understanding of what makes Mendip an attractive location for small business and how to attract specific types of small scale enterprise from within and beyond the region</p>	<p>There is a significant bank of research available at County level, much of which has been used to produce the SSP Strategy. This will be a primary source of information, and duplication will be minimal. Additional research will plug gaps at a more local level</p>	7,500.00
<b>2. Marketing and Promotion</b>		
<p>Virtually no promotion takes place at present on the Mendip area as a location for business. It is unrealistic and undesirable to consider a major inward investment initiative, but there is merit in exploring a promotional exercise based upon small businesses and the further potential for sustainable growth in sectors such as the high value, 'knowledge' based industries</p>	<p>Private sector funding linked to the availability of new employment sites. SWRDA – own investments eg Morlands</p>	15,000.00
<b>3. Grant Schemes</b>		
<p>Devising new grant schemes that meet particular MSP objectives.</p>	<p>Any grant schemes would have</p>	15,000.00

Given regeneration strategy is yet to be devised, the exact nature of forms of assistance has not been formulated but could include

- Promotion of rural tourism initiatives/diversification/local produce
- Environmental Good practise to encourage business  
To adopt best practise on waste minimisation/.energy

complement existing grant sources, and add value to them

**Affordable Decent Housing for All  
MSP Funding Programme ,2005/2006**

<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	Multi Agency Toolkit
<b>OBJECTIVE</b>	To provide an easily accessible toolkit which voluntary and statutory agencies working in Mendip could use to identify work paths and projects taking place across the District. This would enable officers to integrate work and amalgamate funding and to influence, refer and signpost on and to other agencies
<b>OUTCOMES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ An encyclopaedia of multi agency work paths, projects and resources across Mendip</li> <li>▪ Easy identification of gaps and overlaps</li> <li>▪ A tool for induction and training of multi agency staff and Members</li> <li>▪ Web based (initially)for easy access and updating</li> <li>▪ Can be used as part of the action to address an objective in the Community Plan – raise local people’s awareness of the need for adequate numbers of homes to be accommodated in the district</li> <li>▪ Principles of Local Area Agreement, increased efficiencies with staff and funding</li> </ul>
<b>RESOURCES</b>	Project Worker for one year (approx £25K plus on costs) Car Travel Allowance Manager for worker and project Accommodation for worker Computer and IT support Telephone Commitment from statutory and voluntary agencies to set aside staff time to train to update the system and to attend training events
<b>BID TO MSP FUND</b>	Initial <b>allocated</b> sum of <b>£5K</b> to appoint Project Worker and set up base <b>£30K</b> (salary and on costs for the Project Worker)
<b>OTHER RESOURCE</b>	MSHP member organisation to provide accommodation, management, computer and IT support and use of telephone
<b>MONITORING</b>	The Mendip Strategic Housing Partnership (MSHP)
<b>PROJECT IN DETAIL</b>	
<p>This project was proposed after a meeting of some of the members of the MSHP. By chance, in conversation two members of the Partnership realised they were doing pieces of work with the same group of people and how much more useful it would be if they were able to amalgamate their findings. Members of the MSHP reflected their difficulties in knowing what other officers from statutory or voluntary agencies were involved in or indeed moving into as part of their everyday workload. This led to overlaps and gaps in service which were not always apparent for some time, if ever. It was concluded that this was not only an inefficient use of our scarce resources but also meant that the services we provided could be improved by working together.</p> <p>The need to be aware of who is doing what requires an easily accessible method of collating the information which can be readily updated. It was decided that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A Project Worker would be required for up to one year to research the information and set up an information base</li> </ul>	





## **Brief and Costings for Somerset Children's Fund Participation Project for Mendip Area Children's & Young People Planning Group.**

(This paper has been put together in response to a request from Mendip Area Planning Group)

### **Background**

The Somerset Children's Fund Participation Team has developed a strong reputation for its work since the inception of the Children's Fund in 2003. This is backed up by Barnardos national reputation for its excellent Participation work. The Children's Fund is currently represented in the strategy and working groups set up by Somerset Children & Young People's Partnership (SYCPP) to promote participation as a key theme following the review of Children's Services. It is hoped that the SCYPP will agree a Participation Strategy for the emerging locality areas at its meeting in September 05.

### **Proposed work in Mendip.**

In the view of SCF if children and young people (C&YP) are going to have increased opportunities to participate within the emerging locality structure then the focus of our work should be on involving children in commissioning decisions and in evaluating the work that is supported by Locality teams. If we are able to give C&YP meaningful influence in these two areas we will achieve a lot more than has been achieved in the past by putting children in to tokenistic youth forums and shadow boards etc. This proposal covers the first of three stages of C&YP's involvement in Mendip.

- Stage 1.** Consultation / Preparation.
- Stage 2.** Locality Team established C&YP involved in key decision making.
- Stage 3.** C&YP involved in evaluation and review.

We propose to run 15, ½ day workshops across Mendip with small groups (6-10) of children and young people aged 5-18 and from different geographical areas and backgrounds. (It is also possible that one workshop could be done with a pre-school group.) SCF already has strong links across Mendip and would ensure participation from minority groups such as traveller C&YP, BME C&YP and C&YP with a disability. (See appendix 2 for possible agencies that could be involved in the delivery of these workshops)

### **The aims of these workshops would be.**

1. To increase C&YP's awareness of Every Child Matters and Locality teams.
2. For professionals to understand more about how C&YP understand the ECM outcomes and what they mean to them.
3. For C&YP to give priority and weighting to key issues that will inform the Locality Teams commissioning decisions.
4. For the C&YP to have a rewarding and enjoyable time – they must get something out of the workshop for themselves.
5. To leave a legacy of workshop techniques and C&YP's views etc.
6. To establish the foundations of future participation of C&YP in Mendip (For stage 2 & 3).

(For an explanation of the 5 Every Child Matters – see appendix 1)

### **What will the half day workshop consist of?**

SCF has developed a workshop to get C&YP to look at the 5 ECM outcomes and to think about how these outcomes could be achieved both generally in their lives and within specific school and project settings. We would seek to develop this workshop so that C&YP can think in detail about what would help them and other C&YP like them across Mendip. Each workshop culminates with the group literally building their own 5 ECM pillars and writing their own C&YP's version of the complicated ECM framework. This information will be extremely useful to the emerging Locality Teams and other members within the Mendip Strategic Partnership and will exist as a lasting legacy of the project.

We already know that when you ask C&YP 'what do they want?' they say "more things to do".

We would like to combine each workshop with some kind of activity for the C&YP to enjoy. This way we are not just taking information from them but giving something back. We would also use the activity to promote understanding of the 5 outcomes by giving examples of how this particular activity could contribute to one or all of the 5 outcomes. Starting with a fun activity we will also encourage team building and other personal and social development opportunities.

### **A typical ½ day workshop would consist of the following.**

- Intro to Every Child Matters
- 1 hour + of Activity
- Break

- 1 ½ hours of ECM workshop
- Healthy lunch & reflection.

We have not settled on an activity yet and would welcome suggestions. Perhaps this could link to the strong environmental strand of work in Mendip and the groups could begin their sessions by undertaking an environmental activity. This would give a good link to the ECM outcomes and give practical examples of how the ECM outcomes might be achieved. It would also help to focus the C&YP on the future, leave another legacy of the project, promote a positive image of C&YP etc.

At the culmination of the 15 workshops SCF will write up the C&YP's work and produce a set of priority areas of work that will be agreed with all the participants. (This should also be informed by other existing consultation work done by C&YP.) It is our intention that this would then inform the work of the Locality Team and set initial priority areas of work. SCF's final report will suggest next steps for stage 2&3 where we would hope to see C&YP involved in decision making and commissioning within the Locality team. (C&YP were heavily involved in allocating the SCF fund of £3.6M so we have a model that we can develop.)

As the process of encouraging C&YP to participate will be on-going we hope to leave a legacy of workshop techniques and a handbook that could be circulated around Mendip for future use. We also propose to video all of the work and produce a film at the end of the 15 workshops. This will help to promote the C&YP's views more widely through Mendip, other Localities and Nationally, and demonstrate an innovative way of encouraging C&YP's participation in Mendip.

In addition to the 15 workshops SCF also proposes that we manage the involvement of C&YP in the recruitment of the Locality Manager. It is anticipated that the involvement of C&YP in recruitment will be a key part of the SYCPP Participation Strategy. (The new Director of Children's Services was interviewed by children.) The level of C&YP's involvement in the interviews will need to be agreed and SCF has a number of flexible models which it has used successfully which it can suggest.

## **Conclusion.**

SCF feels the approach outlined here will support Mendip to become a leading light in Participation work in Somerset. Our approach is on focused and meaningful participation that will be of benefit to the C&YP now and in the future. It avoids the usual traps of tokenism by building in meaningful influence for C&YP in Mendip by empowering them to set priority work areas for the emerging Locality teams.

## Costings.

Barnardos Management Fee. (15% of total. This is standard Barnardos procedure on all income.)	<b>£3750</b>
Strategic Planning work. Concept development, planning meetings, developing working relationships with 10 local groups, SCF Management staff time.	<b>£2000</b>
Staff time to deliver workshops - (2 members of staff giving one day of their time / workshop at £200/day)	<b>£6000</b>
Materials	<b>£1250</b>
Travel	<b>£1250</b>
Other sessional / Specialist workers / Activity leaders (See appendix 2 for possible agencies that could be involved)	<b>£4000</b>
Refreshments	<b>£750</b>
Video (this is optional although a very powerful resource to have.)	<b>£2000</b>
Recruitment (For Locality Manager) (2 ½ days of 2 x staff time for Locality Manager Interview.)	<b>£1000</b>
Final report and proposals for Stage 2&3	<b>£3000</b>
<b>Total.</b>	<b>£25,000</b>

We estimate that between 80-150 C&YP will participate and in many cases may continue to participate in stage 2&3.

## Every Child Matters - 5 Outcomes

DfES

Every Child Matters Outcome  
**Be Healthy**



Be Healthy Sub-outcomes

Children and young people are.....				
physical ly healthy	mentally and emotionally healthy	sexually healthy	healthy lifestyles	choose not to take illegal drugs

Every Child Matters Outcome  
**Stay Safe**



Stay Safe Sub-outcomes

Children and young people are.....				
safe from maltreat ment, neglect, violence and sexual exploitat ion	safe from accidental injury and death	safe from bullying and discrimina tion	safe from crime and anti-social behaviour in and out of school	have security, stability and are cared for



Every Child Matters Outcome  
**Enjoy and Achieve**



Enjoy and Achieve Sub-outcomes



Children and young people are.....				
ready for school	attend and enjoy school	achieve stretching national educational standards at primary school	achieve personal and social development and enjoy recreation	achieve stretching national educational standards at secondary school

Every Child Matters Outcome  
**Make a positive contribution**



Make a positive contribution Sub-outcomes



Children and young people are.....				
engage in decision making and support the community and environment	engage in law-abiding and positive behaviour in and out of school	develop positive relationships and choose not to bully or discriminate	develop self-confidence and successfully deal with significant life changes and challenges	develop enterprising behaviour

Every Child Matters Outcome  
**Achieve Economic Well-Being**



Economic Well-Being Sub-outcomes



Children and young people are.....				
engage in further education, employment or training on leaving school	ready for employment	live in decent homes and sustainable communities	access to transport and material goods	live in households free from low income

## Appendix 2

### **Agencies and groups that could be involved with Somerset Children's Fund in the delivery of C&YP's Participation workshops**

Connexions } Discussions are already underway with these 2  
agencies, Somerset }  
Youth Service } Children's Fund have agreed to work with them on  
the delivery }  
of a workshop(s)

NCH

Somerset Youth Partnership

Somerset Impact

Somerset Sports Partnership

Barnardo's - Somerset Inclusion Partnership

Mendip Youth Offending Team

Breaking the Cycle

Mendip Early Years Team

Social Care

Mendip PCT

Somerset Racial Equality Council

Racial Inclusion Project

Children's Society Traveller Children's Project

Schools

Education Dept specialist services

Mendip Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)

YMCA

# The Mendip Strategic Partnership

Agenda Item: 10

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FROM: Vicky Breeze, Countryside Projects  
Coordinator  
On behalf of Somerset Biodiversity  
Steering Group

Date: 4 October 2005

SUBJECT: MSP Community Strategy Biodiversity Report and  
Biodiversity Conservation Briefing Paper

## Background

The Biodiversity Proofing framework has been developed using a similar framework to Rural Proofing.

Biodiversity proofing means that, as policies and programmes are developed and implemented, policy makers should systematically:

- Think about what the biodiversity issues are for the area
- Consider what impacts there are on biodiversity in this area
- Suggest adjustments/recommendations that can be put forward to ensure that biodiversity is fully integrated into the policies and plans

Although the proofing framework has been completed with reference to the old plan, the following key themes have been taken into consideration:

- Investing in Children and Young People
- Diversifying the Rural Economy
- Strengthening the Voluntary and Community Sector
- Tackling Climate Change locally
- Affordable Decent Housing

The following gaps/issues were identified

- Is the conservation voluntary sector represented?
- Were people asked about what they valued about their environment when the consultation round took place?
- The LBAP is mentioned in the existing Community Strategy, will there be stronger links in the revised plan?
- No targets or actions for conservation or enhancement of the environment – these can be used from the developing Mendip BAP – as this has not yet been completed, would suggest supporting the implementation of the LBAP generally

## **The five priorities and links to biodiversity/conservation**

Investing in Children and Young people

“Lack of training opportunities and jobs”

Environment sector is a big part of Mendip’s economy

Action: Involve people in conservation management and monitoring to develop a future resource of local students with practical conservation skills emphasizing employment opportunities with the environment and countryside

Other ideas:

Increase the number of schools using the natural environment as a learning resource to integrate learning with the natural environment through schools visits, projects and wildlife gardens

“childhood obesity continues to be an ongoing issue”

Action: Engage children in outdoors activities and exercise through wildlife areas which in turn aids personal development and social interaction as well as developing life skills

Other ideas:

Develop wildlife areas in schools grounds to enable children to understand and appreciate their natural environment

## **Diversifying the Rural Economy**

“biodiversity provides the distinctiveness of the landscape, this is why people like to come and live, work and visit Mendip district.

Action: Support and promote the implementation of the LBAP to protect the distinctiveness of Mendip for future generations

Other ideas:

Promote Sustainable Tourism

Agriculture – Promote Environmental Stewardship Schemes

Support Food links and promote local produce

## **Affordable Decent Housing**

“a need to encourage sustainable construction”

Action: Ensure that there are areas for wildlife even within new housing developments to include wildlife friendly features e.g. provision for bats

Other ideas:

Develop on previously developed land and brown field sites

Sustainable Urban Drainage systems

Develop the Mendip LBAP as Supplementary Planning Guidance  
Encourage communities to develop local wildlife areas which develop a sense of community

#### Strengthening the Voluntary and Community Sector

“Many people would like to see diversionary activities for young people”

Action: Offer practical skills and activities for disadvantaged young people through the natural environment

Other ideas:

Suggest ways in which local communities can become involved in conservation projects

#### Tackling Climate Change

“the natural environment is susceptible to climate change in varying ways”

Action: Identifying and measuring environmental impacts to obtain better information and data on how climate change is affecting Mendip

Other ideas:

Develop policy responses in terms of integrated land use management

Increase awareness of climate change in the agricultural sector

Increase awareness of the impacts of climate change on the natural environment within all sectors

#### Recommendations

- MSP to support the review of the LBAP and developing new BAP
- MSP to become a member of the Somerset Biodiversity Forum
- MSP to consider the above suggestions and integrate actions relating to biodiversity where possible
- LBAP targets to be included within the revised Community Plan
- MSP to support the implementation of the revised BAP when complete
- MSP help Somerset Biodiversity Steering Group to raise awareness of biodiversity

# **BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION IN MENDIP**

## **A briefing paper for Mendip Strategic Partnership**

Mendip Strategic Partnership has a responsibility to deliver biodiversity (or wildlife) conservation through the Community Strategy, and for ensuring that biodiversity targets are met.

The purpose of this paper is to

- explain biodiversity conservation to MSP;
- introduce the Somerset Biodiversity Steering Group (SBSG)'s work;
- highlight areas where joint working could add value to both partnerships;
- Suggest recommendations for including biodiversity within the revised plan.

An **Appendix** gives supplementary information, key references and footnotes.

### **1. Biodiversity is important**

It is now widely recognised that a healthy, sustainable natural environment is essential to:

- People's health and well-being – both physical and emotional;
- A thriving local economy - where people want to live, work and invest, financially and otherwise, in local communities;
- Attracting inward economic investment, maintaining a skilled and motivated workforce and high levels of employment;
- A successful leisure and tourism sector;
- Providing essential 'ecosystem services' e.g. clean water, clean air, soil conservation, reducing flood risk, stabilising the climate, and raw materials (food and fuel).

*There is good local and national evidence for the above. See Appendix.*

Biodiversity conservation - maintaining viable communities of animals and plants and the habitats on which they depend is key to sustaining this natural environment.

### **2. Relevance to Mendip Strategic Partnership**

The current revised priorities do not directly refer to wildlife or conservation and enhancement of the environment. Biodiversity is a cross-cutting issue which should not only be addressed as a topic in its own right but be fully integrated into community strategies (as advised by Government since 2001<sup>1</sup>).

### **3. Integrating biodiversity conservation into the Community Strategy will:**

1. make the links between biodiversity and other sectors explicit,
2. enable the 'joined up thinking' and working ethos promoted by MSP,
3. deliver 'added value' to the wide range of wildlife and countryside conservation work already taking place (particularly on Mendip Hills AONB),
4. highlight gaps where additional work to meet specific needs may be required.

#### **4. What should MSP be doing? MSP can help by**

1. engaging with the review of the Local Biodiversity Action Plan for Mendip – funding already given by MSP for this purpose
2. incorporating agreed action plans for habitats and species as appropriate within Community Plans and Strategies.
3. joining the Somerset Biodiversity Forum<sup>2</sup> in due course

#### **5. The Somerset Biodiversity Steering Group (SBSG) can help by:**

1. offering a 'biodiversity proofing service' to MSP, using a standard methodology to assess the current work of the partnership, and the developing Community Strategy, and making recommendations. (now completed and report attached)
2. working with MSP, or appropriate sub-groups, on specific aspects of its programme (e.g. biodiversity and health, education or business). This could involve presentations to key stakeholders, or developing projects with the potential to be exemplars of good practice.

*We would welcome the opportunity for discussion about other ways in which SBSG or its members can help.*

#### **6. The Somerset Biodiversity Steering Group**

Comprises representatives of all local authorities, Mendip Environment Forum, Mendip Hills AONB Service and officers from key wildlife organisations working together for biodiversity conservation in Somerset. It coordinates work on the 7 Local Biodiversity Action Plans (LBAPs)<sup>3</sup> across the county. These all now require review, reporting on actions to Government, and new/revised action plans within a Somerset strategy. There is no representative from Mendip District Council on the Steering Group, neither is there an officer at the Local Authority who has the responsibility of the LBAP work. This is why the MSP's support and assistance is even more important.

The SBSG is currently seeking endorsement and support from all partner organisations for the formal establishment of the 'umbrella' **Somerset Biodiversity Partnership**<sup>4</sup>. A launch of the Partnership is planned for late 2005 or early 2006.

#### **7. Funding of SBSG work**

1. SBSG Coordinator, c 3days/ week funded by Somerset County Council (Vicky Breeze, Countryside Projects Coordinator, Countryside Services Group).
2. Some time of LA officers with biodiversity- related responsibilities.
3. Some funding from South Somerset and West Somerset LSPs obtained in 2004-5 for work on their LBAP reviews and reporting.
4. At present there is insufficient capacity within all LAs to carry out the necessary review and consultation work, so external funding is being sought.

## **APPENDIX**

### **Key references:**

Somerset Biodiversity Partnership newsletter – *to be circulated if required*

Life-Support – Incorporating Biodiversity into Community Strategies (ODPM, DEFRA, Iga, English Nature) – *to be circulated if required*  
Mendip District Local Biodiversity Action Plan – *1 copy available*  
Somerset Biodiversity Audit – Summary and Key Recommendations June 2004 – *available on request*

### **Useful websites:**

[www.somerset.gov.uk/ete/countryside/biodiversity](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/ete/countryside/biodiversity) information about SBSG, and biodiversity in Somerset

[www.ukbap.org](http://www.ukbap.org). for information about Biodiversity Action Plans, the England Biodiversity Strategy, and Community Strategies

### **Background information:**

Evidence of relevance of biodiversity to sustainable development in South Somerset:

- Recent research<sup>5</sup> on how/why ‘nature is good for you’ detailing the benefits of e.g. green gyms (as run in Yeovil), practical voluntary activity, informal countryside recreation. Benefits include improved physical and mental health, social inclusion, increased learning, training possibilities for employment, a greater sense of belonging, identity, and community pride. There is also evidence of faster recovery rates in hospital when patients have green views.
- Popularity of the Somerset Landscape Scheme<sup>6</sup>, FWAG advice, the growing local food sector, (e.g. Somerset Food Links, Farmers Markets)
- Property values enhanced by quality environment (e.g. presence of mature street trees can add 15% to house values).
- Businesses increasingly see biodiversity as relevant to their success – not only in managing their own land appropriately, but in motivating and developing their workforce; employees take on conservation work as team building or simply for personal satisfaction<sup>7</sup>. Rural businesses such as farm B&Bs develop nature trails to attract and keep staying visitors.

### **Footnotes:**

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<sup>1</sup> DETR Circular 4/2001 ref Local Government Act 2000: ‘Local Biodiversity Action Plans are among the elements local authorities should build upon when preparing community strategies’. ‘The use of partnership-agreed LBAP targets in Community Strategies could provide a useful tool for measuring performance.’ (OPDM advice, 2002).

<sup>2</sup> The Somerset Biodiversity Forum is being established to bring together the large number of bodies with an interest in biodiversity. It already has over 50 members, including the Environment Agency.

<sup>3</sup> South Somerset’s Local Biodiversity Action Plan was published in 1998 and sets out priorities for conservation action, with detailed habitat and species action plans.

<sup>4</sup> Memorandum of Understanding (Draft) of the Somerset Biodiversity Partnership, Feb 2005 includes Membership and Terms of Reference of SBSG.

<sup>5</sup> See e.g. ‘A Countryside for Health and Well-being’ results of national research by Countryside Research Network, published 2005. English Nature press release 0505. [www.english-nature.org.uk](http://www.english-nature.org.uk)  
National cost of physical inactivity estd. at £8.1 billion pa, including direct NHS costs and lost earnings due to sickness and absence (Pretty *et al*, 2003. University of Essex.)

<sup>6</sup> Somerset Landscape Scheme (County Council, all Districts and English Nature funded): 365 grants in 2003-4.

<sup>7</sup> See [www.businessandbiodiversity.org](http://www.businessandbiodiversity.org)

**Links are in red**

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**From:** "Skirton, Sara" <skirtons@mendip.gov.uk>  
**To:** "Mendip LSP"  
**Sent:** 30 September 2005 14:15  
**Attach:** [Somerset Local Area Agreement - Long List Submission 29 Sept.doc](#); [\\_AVG certification\\_.txt](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Local Area Agreement Long List

Dear MSP Board member, the Chair has asked me to circulate the message below and attached list to you, for information

Regards

Sara

Dear Colleague

We are forwarding a document titled the "Local Area Agreement (LAA) Long List" for your information. This 52 page document comes out of the Somerset Strategic Partnership's work and consultation and is intended to cover the whole of Somerset. The proposed themes, and their outcomes, in the LAA are therefore of interest to the Local Strategic Partnerships (and District Councils) in Somerset and the organisations represented on them.

Many of you will recall the presentation on LAA's given by a GOSW officer at the MSP Workshop on 8th February this year. The attached document illustrates that work in Somerset is advancing and being presented to the Government Office of the South West for discussion and negotiation of an LAA for the County. I think it is important that all MSP members and organisations are aware of this and I will try to keep you updated. Kind

regards.

Ron Ballantine

----- Original Message -----

From: "Chris Phillips" <[CPhillips@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:CPhillips@somerset.gov.uk)>  
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2005 9:48 AM  
Subject: LAA: Long List

> Dear Colleagues

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> The LAA Long List has now been submitted to GOSW and is available on  
the  
> Website.  
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>  
> The LAA Long List is still work in progress and will be subject to  
> discussions taking place at the next Negotiating Meeting with GOSW on  
6  
> October 2005.  
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> For ease of reference I have attached the document, if anyone has  
problems  
> accessing it then please let me know.  
> <<Somerset Local Area Agreement - Long List Submission 29 Sept.doc>>  
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> Kind Regards  
>> Chris Phillips  
> Business Development Group  
> Children and Young People's Directorate

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## Long List

29 September 2005

## Somerset Local Area Agreement – Long List

### 1. Introduction

Led by Somerset Strategic Partnership (SSP), a wide range of partnerships and stakeholders have been working together over the last three months to produce a first long list for the Somerset Local Area Agreement (LAA).

The SSP Executive is providing strategic direction for development of the LAA. The partnership working necessary to underpin the LAA was launched at a SSP event in July 2005, when a first scoping workshop took place. Building on that, each LAA block has convened partnership meetings and other meetings as necessary to produce this long list.

It is recognised that the District LSPs have a key role to play in ensuring that the Somerset LAA builds on local Strategies. The LAA must be the bringing together of locally based, bottom up initiatives with Central Government and top down policies – delivery and impact of this process will often be at a neighbourhood level. Breaking down inconsistencies and constraints to ensure delivery is more efficient and effective must drive the LAA.

To ensure that this approach is endorsed, during August and September, partnerships have been briefed about the opportunities the LAA can offer. A communication strategy has been developed to try and ensure that information is cascaded as effectively as possible. A LAA website and monthly bulletin were set up in August and will be updated regularly.

[\(http://www.somerset.gov.uk/somerset/council/localareaagreement/\)](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/somerset/council/localareaagreement/)

The LAA has presented an opportunity to review whether partnerships address the key issues that the LAA blocks will tackle. It was felt that generally existing partnership arrangements would best address the requirements of the LAA process. In response to the requirements of the LAA, a new sub group of the SSP has been created “Stronger and Healthier Communities”. This group will, in particular look at how the Voluntary and Community Sector and Health Sector can contribute to the LAA.

Initial long lists pertaining to each individual LAA block are attached as appendices.

## **2. Underpinning Rationale**

The following principles have guided production of the first draft long list:

2.1 Local Strategic Partnerships in Somerset have consulted widely and have produced robust Community Strategies. Other key strategies such as the Children and Young Peoples' Plan have also included the views of local residents and service users in their development. The LAA will build on existing consultation and strategies.

2.2 The LAA will not simply be a replication of all existing Community Strategies; it must be more than the sum of existing documents. The LAA provides an opportunity to partners to address the most stubborn and intractable problems that the County faces. The challenges faced by marginalised localities or communities are of particular concern, and the LAA is seen as a vehicle for "closing the gap" and improving the quality of life and opportunities for Somerset's most disadvantaged residents.

2.3 SSP has matured as an organisation. The LAA will provide the opportunity for the SSP to develop clear commissioning and performance management systems.

2.4 The opportunity to identify Freedoms and Flexibilities that can be negotiated with GOSW is welcomed. Within Somerset there is a wish to ensure that these are challenging and are likely to identify where funding rules, monitoring information and processes that do not add value on the ground could be relaxed. It is recognised that greater Freedoms and Flexibilities will only be requested if they are well evidenced. It is intended that further work on initial requests will be completed by the end of September, at this date not all blocks have identified sufficiently worked up initial ideas.

2.5 Somerset also intends to use the LAA to identify issues where the performance of local government is hampered by legislation and Central Government Policy. Whilst we recognise that this might be beyond the scope of the core LAA, partners are keen to highlight specific changes that could exponentially improve local performance, for example through highlighting conflicting Government policies.

2.6 The initial focus has been on bringing together key partnerships to begin discussions. Until the key focus of the LAA has been firmed up, it has been premature in examining LPSA targets and stretch targets. Initial discussions on this important element of the LAA are now being initiated, and will be better developed through negotiation with GOSW. Early availability of clear guidelines on implementation of LPSA within the LAA will be very helpful.

2.7 The role of the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) in delivering many of the targets and priorities which will emerge from the LAA is recognised as being vital. Work is currently being jointly undertaken between Somerset County Council and the District Councils to map out the current scope of the VCS contribution and how best the sector can be empowered to increase its activities in relevant areas.

### **3. Cross Cutting Themes**

Emerging from the partnership work undertaken at the SSP launch event, three cross cutting themes have been identified. Each of them will aim to ensure the work in blocks addresses issues of rural isolation and deprivation and pockets of deprivation in the county's built up areas.

3.1 Transport: The inclusion of transport as a cross cutting theme within the LAA process gives additional impetus to develop the general principles outlined in the Provisional LTP into a clearly defined relationship between the transport outcomes delivered by the LTP strategy and wider policy outcomes as set by the LAA. In practice this means defining how transport can contribute to the outcomes under each LAA block and the cross cutting outcomes.

3.2 Affordable Housing: The need for affordable housing is sustained by the low wage economy associated with the Somerset area and the widening gap between local income levels and house prices - the average cost of a house is between 4.08 and 6.8 times mean household incomes within the districts that comprise Somerset County. Being able to access affordable housing can have a major impact upon the health, economy, environment, safety and cohesion of Somerset urban and rural communities. Affordable Housing is a cross-cutting theme which is able to deliver across the breadth of the LAA is exemplified.

The affordable housing cross-cutting theme will consider the level of supply and mix of affordable housing within the county together with how we respond effectively to the specific affordable housing needs of the various communities within Somerset. The work to develop the cross-cutting theme and ensure our affordable housing objectives are embedded into the theme blocks will be undertaken in partnership with the district councils, registered social landlords and other stakeholders.

3.3 Prevention of the Misuse of Alcohol: Although initially identified as a cross cutting theme, partners have decided that appropriate measures with regard to alcohol need to be developed within the parameters of the Somerset Alcohol Strategy, currently being developed by the Drugs and Alcohol Action Team

(DAAT). Alcohol is therefore being downgraded from a major cross cutting theme, but will be reflected in four specific areas within the LAA. Firstly, the well documented links between misuse of alcohol and crime and disorder influences the "Safer Communities" block. The introduction of the new Licensing Act presents an opportunity for local authorities to re-examine how to tackle sale of alcohol to under age people and the development of good practice in licensed premises. These two elements will link to the Children and Young Peoples' block.

In "Choosing Health" the role of alcohol in affecting health and well being is made clear, and the "Healthier Communities and Older Peoples" blocks will tackle how preventative measures can be developed.

#### **4. Next Steps**

The following appendices outline the direction and thinking developed in each of the LAA blocks so far. The input from a wide range of stakeholders has been invaluable, and the comments from GOSW on the draft long list have greatly assisted the process. Given the enormity of the task, it should be noted that the long list is very much "work in progress".

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## CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

LAA OUTCOME	LAA INDICATOR	PERFORMANCE INFORMATION	FUNDING STREAMS TO ALIGN/POOL	FREEDOMS AND FLEXIBILITIES	LINK TO CROSS CUTTING THEME
<p><b>1</b> Improve the emotional, physical and mental health of children and young people in Somerset to promote healthier and more enjoyable lifestyles</p>	<p>* Locality teams in place including mental health worker (4 teams by 04/06, all teams by 2010)</p> <p>* Improved access to CAMHS</p> <p>* Reduce under 18 conception rate + diagnostic rate of new STI episodes in under 16 / 16-19 yr olds (N)</p> <p>* Anti bullying initiatives in schools + reduce rate of 11-15 yr olds who state they have been bullied (N)</p> <p>* Implement Healthy schools initiatives</p> <p>* Improve take up of sporting &amp; cultural opportunities by 5-16, 16+ yr olds (N); SASP sports programmes in primary /secondary / PRUs + pre-school groups</p>	<p>* Locality Manager responsibilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure outcomes achieved</li> <li>• Monitor budgets</li> <li>• Ensure effective working relations</li> </ul> <p>* PCT for area CAMHS services</p> <p>* Teenage Pregnancy Co-ordinator targets</p> <p>* Children Fund monitoring &amp; evaluation</p> <p>* SASP monitoring of Key Actions/ targets</p> <p>* <b>CYPP Directorate monitoring 5 outcomes targets</b> (across all LAA proposed outcomes)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Healthy Schools &amp; other health promotion monies</li> <li>• CAMHS</li> <li>• Teenage Pregnancy Grant</li> <li>• Children Fund</li> <li>• Other voluntary sector funding</li> <li>• SASP</li> <li>• DCMS funding for increasing sports participation</li> <li>• SPAEDA (Somerset Partnership Arts Education Agency)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opportunity to vire monies from Standards Fund to specific projects</li> <li>• More flexibility for usage of school budgets</li> <li>• Secure funding on more permanent basis for 14+ vocational courses</li> <li>• Carry forward of budget underspends from one financial year to next</li> <li>• Freedom to negotiate local contracts for free KS1 fruit in schools</li> <li>• Exemption from User Experience Survey for children</li> <li>• Reduce monitoring reporting requirements, e.g. Children's Fund, Connexions</li> </ul>	<p><b>Transport:</b> access to services and amenities</p> <p><b>Alcohol:</b> aspect of teenage pregnancy and bullying / anti-social behaviour</p>

<p><b>2</b> Improve life chances for the most vulnerable children and young people in Somerset including children looked after</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Locality teams tackling rural isolation / access to information and services</li> <li>* Local audit of needs/services linked to roll-out of localities 06-08</li> <li>* Progress roll-out of Children's Centres in rural areas (DfES target of 19 in 06-08)</li> <li>* Improve educational achievements of 11 and 16 yr olds LAC compared with their peers (N)</li> <li>* Improve services to reduce harm caused by illegal drugs (N) and alcohol</li> <li>* Increase projects for advice on drugs/alcohol to LAC, young offenders, excluded young people</li> <li>* Improve housing &amp; support schemes for vulnerable young people</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Locality Manager responsibilities (as in 1)</li> <li>* Area Planning Group monitoring responsibilities</li> <li>* Children Centre lead + DfES targets</li> <li>* Identified lead agency responsibilities eg Promise</li> <li>* Identify project leads and targets</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sure Start</li> <li>• Extended Schools</li> <li>• Young people element of DAAT budget</li> <li>• Big Lottery funding</li> <li>• Local Network Fund</li> <li>• Supporting People</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exemption from CIN Census (information available from Somerset SWIFT source)</li> <li>• Reduce performance monitoring requirements for high performing YOTs</li> <li>• Endorsement of Performance Indicator change by DfES on children looked after placed more than 20 miles from home (rather than 20m from their LA)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Transport:</b> access to information, services and amenities</p> <p><b>Alcohol:</b> reduce harm; provide increased advice and information</p> <p><b>Affordable Housing:</b> available and affordable housing and support for young people</p>
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<p><b>3</b> Improve the expectations and aspirations of children and young people and their families</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Progress roll-out of Children's Centres (DfES target of 19 in 06-08)</li> <li>* Develop Extended Schools programmes (NB Blake in Bridgewater full-service extended school)</li> <li>* Establish an appropriate vocational range in 14+ curriculum to ensure young people's skills are developed</li> <li>* Healthy Schools initiatives (N)</li> <li>* Reduce under 18 conception rate (N)</li> <li>* Reduce half days missed through absence, and levels of permanent / fixed level exclusion (N)</li> <li>* Reduce levels of offending</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Children Centre lead + DfES targets</li> <li>* Identified project lead and monitoring of specific targets</li> <li>* Teenage Pregnancy Co-ordinator targets</li> <li>* LEA targets monitored</li> <li>* YOT lead</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sure Start</li> <li>• Extended Schools</li> <li>• Healthy Schools &amp; other health promotion monies</li> <li>• Teenage Pregnancy grant</li> <li>• Local Network Fund</li> <li>• Big Lottery</li> </ul>		<p><b>Transport:</b> access to Children's Centres, and services</p> <p><b>Alcohol:</b> aspect of Healthy Schools, offending and exclusions</p>
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<p><b>4</b> Improve the wellbeing and life chances for all children and young people to reach their full potential and enjoyment as future citizens</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Implement Healthy School initiatives (N)</li> <li>* Increase health drop-in schemes in schools/communities for young people</li> <li>* Increase projects for advice on drugs/alcohol to LAC, young offenders, excluded young people</li> <li>* Increase % of 14 &amp; 16 yro achieving national targets in school &amp; educ achievement of LAC (N)</li> <li>* Reduce levels of offending &amp; permanent / fixed period exclusions from school (N)</li> <li>* Improve take up of sporting &amp; cultural opportunities by 5-16, 16+ yr olds (N); SASP sports programmes in primary /secondary / PRUs + pre-school groups</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Identify project lead and specific targets</li> <li>* PCTs, schools and locality manager</li> <li>* Identify lead agency responsibilities</li> <li>* LEA targets monitored</li> <li>* YOT and schools / LEA</li> <li>* SASP monitoring of Key Actions/ targets</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Healthy Schools &amp; other health promotion monies</li> <li>• Young people element of DAAT budget</li> <li>• SASP</li> <li>• DCMS(increased participation in sport)</li> <li>• Extended Schools</li> <li>• SPAEDA</li> </ul>		<p><b>Alcohol:</b> reduce harm; provide increased advice and information aspect of Healthy Schools, offending and exclusions</p> <p><b>Transport:</b> access to information, services and amenities</p>
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<p><b>5</b> Promote positive health and achievement outcomes for children and young people regarded as vulnerable because of emotional, physical or mental health issues (inc children looked after)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Improved access to CAMHS</li> <li>* Increase health drop-in schemes in schools/communities for young people</li> <li>* Implement Healthy School initiatives (N)</li> <li>* Improve take up of sporting &amp; cultural opportunities by 5-16, 16+ yr olds (N); SASP sports programmes in primary /secondary / PRUs + pre-school groups</li> <li>* Reduce under 18 conception rate (N)</li> <li>* Increase % of 14 &amp; 16 yro achieving national targets in school &amp; educ achievement of LAC (N)</li> <li>* Improve housing &amp; support schemes for vulnerable young people</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Locality manager responsibilities (as in 1)</li> <li>* PCTs, schools and locality manager</li> <li>* Identify project lead and specific targets</li> <li>* SASP monitoring of Key Actions/ targets</li> <li>* Teenage Pregnancy Co-ordinator targets</li> <li>* LEA targets monitored</li> <li>* Identify project lead and targets</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CAMHS</li> <li>• Healthy Schools &amp; other health promotion monies</li> <li>• Teenage Pregnancy Grant</li> <li>• Supporting People</li> <li>• SASP</li> <li>• DCMS</li> <li>• Local Network Fund</li> </ul>		<p><b>Transport:</b> access to information, services and amenities</p> <p><b>Affordable Housing:</b> available and affordable housing and support for young people</p>
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<p><b>6</b> Improve early intervention for children and young people with emotional / behavioural difficulties through local integrated preventative services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Locality teams in place including mental health worker (4 teams by 04/06, all teams by 2010)</li> <li>* Locality teams tackling rural isolation / access to information and services</li> <li>* Local audit of needs/services linked to roll-out of localities 06-08</li> <li>* Progress roll-out of Children's Centres inc rural areas (DfES target of 19 in 06-08)</li> <li>* Achieve targets for Behaviour Improvement Programme Bridgewater</li> <li>* Schools anti bullying initiatives + reduce 11-15 yr olds who state they have been bullied (N)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Locality Manager responsibilities / PCT</li> <li>* Locality Manager</li> <li>* Area Planning</li> <li>Group monitoring</li> <li>" "</li> <li>* Children Centres lead + DfES targets</li> <li>* Local Project lead and specific targets</li> <li>* Children Fund monitoring and evaluation</li> </ul>			<p><b>Transport:</b> access to information, services (inc Children's Centres) and amenities</p> <p><b>Alcohol:</b> ref Behaviour Improvement and bullying / anti social behaviour</p>
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## SAFER COMMUNITIES

### Introduction:

Partners wish to make it clear that this list highlights new innovation sought through this LAA theme, which does not remove the importance of the priorities already highlighted within the Somerset Crime Reduction and Drugs Strategy 2005-08, and other related Strategies.

### Overall the agreed objectives are to:

- Reduce the impact of crime on the residents of Somerset, reassure the public, and involve the voluntary sector and communities in achieving improvements;
- Reduce the Governments basket of crime in Somerset by 15% by 2008;
- Reduce the harm caused by drug and alcohol misuse Reduce the impact of anti-social behaviour on communities;
- Reduce violence in Somerset. This includes both public violence and domestic abuse;
- Improve road and vehicle safety, with a focus on crime prevention;
- Target prolific and priority offenders;
- Tackle the fear of crime and hate crime in our communities;
- Ensure individual CDRP area as equipped to tackle local priorities and support local community initiatives.

### Proposed Stretched Targets:

#### Violence

- To reduce the number of incidents of 'wounding' reported to the police
- To increase the number of domestic abuse offenders brought to justice or the number of victims who are satisfied with the level of service they receive - *target unclear*
- A reduction in the number of assaults against children by children of school age.

#### Anti-Social Behaviour

- To increase the number of anti-social behaviour interventions (such as ABC's, ASBOs and Restorative Justice work, etc)
- To reduce the number of arsons in Somerset (a reduction of 10% in the number of deliberate fires by March 2010 from 2001/02 baseline). Work here already underway with the Avon & Somerset Arson Task Force partnership.
- Number of young people engaged in the Youth Service VIBE project in Somerset.

#### Victim Reassurance

- Victim Support reassuring victims of crime to reduce their fear of crime - *target unclear*.

LAA OUTCOME	LAA INDICATOR	PERFORMANCE INFORMATION	FUNDING STREAMS TO ALIGN/POOL	FREEDOMS AND FLEXIBILITIES	LINK TO CROSS CUTTING THEME
<p><b>Mandatory - To empower local people to have a greater voice and influence over decision making and the delivery of services</b></p> <p><b>To reduce crime and reassure the public reducing the fear of crime and anti-social behaviour</b></p>	Multi-agency Strategy to tackle bullying established.	Capacity to deliver Restorative Justice principles in schools increased and the establishment of School Justice Panels and Young People Referral Panels encouraged.	Contributions from YOT & Schools budgets CDRPs BCU funds	Central Government should encourage schools to adopt Restorative Justice principles to tackle bullying and community safety issues.	<b>Stronger</b>
	Fear of crime reduced and voluntary capacity increased to allow communities (and particularly BME communities) to become more involved in decision-making around community safety issues.	Victim Support staff trained to interpret and communicate statistical information to reduce fear experienced by victims and their families, and then felt within their communities.  Expand the Chard and Ilminster model for Community Justice Referral Panels across Somerset	CDRPs Victim Support Somerset resources BCU funds Home Office specific grants Proceeds of crime	Better measuring of 'fear' through British Crime Survey, which currently does not measure fear effectively through inappropriate questioning and 'Somerset' statistics not being available, only 'Avon and Somerset'  At present there is no penalty for non-payment of Fixed Penalty Notices for littering, unlike other Penalty Notices. This is a signal crime, which promotes fear within communities and should be dealt with more severely.	<b>Stronger</b>
	Anti-Social Behaviour and violence interventions increased to reduce the consequences of these crimes within communities, and particularly within deprived areas.	Reduce arsons through the Avon & Somerset Arson Task Force partnership by expanding this work into other agencies and develop CS action days at targeted hotspots.  Expand the Taunton Deane based VIBE Project to provide diversionary activities for young people living in areas of deprivation.  Increase the number of anti-social behaviour interventions in a coordinated, zero-tolerance & high profile way.	Somerset Fire & Rescue Service CDRPs BCU funds Youth Service resources & CDRPs External grants, e.g. lottery LSPs Second Homes Council Tax CDRPs Home Office grants	Dealing with this through interventions such as ABCs and community negotiations is not recorded as a measured 'Police detection' against a recorded incident. Changing this will allow partners to target resources appropriately.  CDRPs and LSPs are recognised as accountable bodies by the National Lottery. This should be changed in order to receive lottery funding by amendments to the draft Lotteries Bill.	
	Install street lighting where no statutory duty for the County Council to provide it exists, but where it is the only solution to tackle community safety concerns.	Process established to consider street lighting requests when crime reduction main objective	CDRPs Home Office Grants LSPs Second Homes Council Tax		

	<p>Development of local schemes and the licensing approach to tackle concerns around the night time economy across Somerset</p>	<p>'Drinks Watch' (Chard and Ilminster example) expanded across Somerset (this is when businesses, the community and agencies can tackle offending through collective banning from drinking establishments, whilst the offender is given the opportunity to change their behaviour through the introduction of ABCs and the Community Justice Referral Panel.)</p> <p>Large businesses that regularly do drinks promotions required to pay for door staff training and other initiatives to deal with drink related problems in a given area.</p> <p>Shatter-proof glass mandatory in night time economy establishments where violence hotspots identified and the use of glass banned.</p> <p>The Three Strikes initiative (based in Taunton) established across Somerset.</p> <p>DAAT Coordinator post maintained and Alcohol Strategy established and monitored.</p>	<p>CDRPs Home Office Grants Funds from drink establishments LSPs Second Homes Council Tax DAAT Development fund BCU funds</p>	<p>Nationally the Government should make it mandatory for drink establishments to be involved in initiatives to tackle violence and anti-social behaviour problems local to their premises.</p> <p>Under age sales of alcohol spot checks by Trading Standards are hampered by lack of resources. Government now asking officers to also check spray can, glue and knife sales, therefore more resources required or local priorities on spot checks should be allowed.</p> <p>TS should be able to fine offenders on their first offence and 50% of this fine should be recycled to support this work through education and further enforcements. Also, when an offence occurs staff are fined £80. Instead larger liabilities and fines should be placed on the Manager of the establishment to ensure staff training and requests for ID, and the Statutory defence for this fine should be removed.</p> <p>TS should be given the power to issue Fixed Penalty Notices so they can tackle the illegal sale of alcohol, fireworks, solvents and graffiti to those underage.</p> <p>TS are not able to effectively tackle counterfeit goods, as enforcement action cannot be taken against the landowners who allow this activity to go ahead on their sites. The counterfeit goods market is linked to the drugs industry and impacts local businesses.</p>	<p><b>Alcohol Stronger</b></p>
	<p>Establish a Road Safety Plan to include education and speed reducing initiatives. This plan will include contributions from agencies to tackle road traffic accidents (RTAs) and reduce 'Killed and Seriously Injured' (K&amp;SI) incidents.</p>	<p>Expand Speed Choice into communities and encouraging the community to use Speed Watch to tackle concerns.</p>	<p>Safer Camera Partnership funds</p>	<p>Proceeds of Crime: Somerset Safety Camera Partnership should be given flexibility to expand their Operational Case to use funds, gathered through traffic offence fines and sent to Treasury, to tackle road safety issues through initiatives such as Speed Watch, Speed Choice and educational programmes to reduce driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs, etc.</p> <p>Key agencies should be allowed to have an input into the training of driving inspectors to ensure Somerset's values are adhered to (urban versus rural concerns).</p>	<p><b>Transport Stronger</b></p>

	Remove pressures from Partnerships to allow them to work effectively to tackle local community safety concerns.	Reduce bureaucracy by assessing and revaluating processes	Partnership and agency resources	<p>In order that CDRPs are able to utilise Home Office funds effectively, allocations should be guaranteed for a minimum of 3 years, there should be no capital/ revenue split requirement and under spend within the 3 year period should be allowed to be carried across into future funding years to allow for the delivery of specific projects linked to the objectives of the LAA.</p> <p>Partners have asked that bureaucracies experienced through financial reporting requirements of GOSW are reduced (i.e. through the web based Funding Project) and instead the web tools are used as financial monitoring and targets are set locally to measure performance of funding allocated.</p> <p>The Government is considering Development Tax as an addition resource under 106 Planning requirements. If this is established, tackling crime and disorder concerns should be a priority area for the use of funds raised in this area.</p>	
<b>To improve the quality of life for people in the most disadvantaged neighbourhoods and ensure service providers are more responsive to neighbourhood needs and improve their delivery</b>	Establish an information Hub to allow the public and agencies to access information about an area, including crime, population, health data, anti-social behaviour incidents and interventions work, hate crime concerns, etc.	Establish a web based information hub and related protocols, such as Information Sharing Protocols	CDRPs Home Office Grants	A Government directive should be given to schools and the Health Community to share information for the purposes of improving community safety. This is particularly prevalent when information shared by different agencies is different e.g. Killed and Seriously Injured figures from the police not reflecting what the hospitals are saying.	
	Actively prevent crime and fear of crime by targeting vulnerable groups (and particularly BME communities experiencing hate crime) in areas of deprivation	Home Safety Check Initiative expanded to include tackling domestic abuse and hate crime victims, elderly concerns and other vulnerable group concerns, particularly in areas of deprivation. This helps vulnerable people remain safely within their homes.	LSPs Second Homes Council Tax CDRPs Somerset Fire & Rescue Service Home Office Grants External grants, e.g. lottery	CDRPs and LSPs are recognised as accountable bodies by the National Lottery. This should be changed in order to receive lottery funding by amendments to the draft Lotteries Bill.	<b>Housing</b>

## **STRONGER COMMUNITIES**

### **Introduction**

The main priority that should be taken forward under the 'Stronger Communities' theme of the LAA is to acknowledge the role of the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) in delivering stronger communities within Somerset and to seek to strengthen the contribution that is being made. A strong VCS can help to deliver sustainable communities.

The sector contributes in many ways:

- Lobbying for change and shaping policy
- Promoting social inclusion
- Promoting health and well-being
- Delivering services
- Commissioning services
- As an important part of Somerset's economy

The recently published Draft "Somerset Compact" is an agreement that aims to improve the relationship between the public sector and the VCS by addressing the issues of Funding, Equality & Diversity, Communication, Volunteering, and Consultation. Some of these are included in the suggested LAA outcomes.

A very wide range of services are delivered by VCS organisations in Somerset including advice on money and debt. Work is underway to establish a new financial inclusion service. This could also be linked to the LAA with objectives about promoting financial inclusion as an indicator of stronger communities.

It should be noted that the following outcome measures need considerable effort to refine – these may be more outputs than outcomes. Baseline performance information may also be lacking in certain areas.

### ***Issues for consideration***

- “Liveability” issues were not raised as a major issue for this theme – e.g. green spaces, waste management, etc.
- Similarly with recreation and culture – e.g. arts, museums, libraries, leisure centres, etc.
- What about the “active citizenship” agenda beyond the VCS to which the mandatory outcome alludes - e.g. consultation, participation, voter turn-out, involvement in decision-making processes?
- What about community cohesion or is this covered by safer communities and/or is a cross cutting issue? Should we refer to the Equalities Vision and Community Cohesion Strategy?
- From the guidance and other LAA’s it appears sufficient to only have one or two outcomes in the short list under this theme. This could be related solely to the VCS. Devon’s states “A thriving and vibrant Voluntary and Community Sector in Devon, which is in a stronger position to represent the sector.” They have one other outcome under this theme - “More people are volunteering and engaged with their local communities’ but this could be subsumed as a measure under one broad outcome.
- VCS representatives have been consulted on the suggested outcome, but not the wider VCS.
- What is there to build on currently? e.g. Somerset Compact; is there a VCS Strategy of sorts?
- Do we need to include the formal requirement re: a greater share of council services being provided by the VCS?
- Should developing the VCS be a cross cutting theme instead?

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<p><b>Mandatory</b> – “To empower local people to have a greater voice and influence over local decision making and the delivery of services” (ODPM LAA Guidance June 2005)</p>	<p><b>Possible indicators</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perception measures, including for example community cohesion, numbers of neighbourhood bodies, etc. This can be discussed during negotiations and additional guidance will be provided.</li> <li>• Proportion of adults who feel able to influence decisions of public bodies locally</li> <li>• Proportion of adults who say that people from different backgrounds get on well in their area</li> <li>• Number of adults undertaking more than the specified amount of formal volunteering</li> </ul>	<p>To be developed, but including survey results and data on volunteers</p>			
<p><b>More diverse volunteer “profile”</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More volunteers from younger age range, BME, disabled, etc</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data re: volunteers</li> </ul>			

<b>More secure funding arrangements for VCS organisations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase in long term funding agreements (i.e. 3 years or more)</li> <li>• Increase in SCC/DC funding to VCS for securing LAA objectives</li> <li>• Increase in external funding secured by VCS organisations</li> <li>• 10% cash releasing efficiency gain for reinvestment into VCS sector <i>(See note 1 below)</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VCS budgets and service agreements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SCC and DC VCS budgets (other partners?)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Changes in procurement guidance to make it easier for VCS organisations to take on service provision</li> <li>• Align “change up” funding</li> <li>• Pool DEFRA rural development funding</li> <li>• Pool funding from Legal Services Commission</li> <li>• Agreed set of health &amp; social care needs data (HSNAG?) that VCS organisations can submit for funding bids</li> </ul>	
<b>Improved capacity of VCS organisations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase in VCS organisations with accreditations, training, etc</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of organisations with accreditations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specific training budgets from SCC, DC and other partners?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More flexibility around Government grants</li> <li>• Less audit and inspection</li> </ul>	
<b>Promoting financial inclusion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved debt advice (not just in VCS?)</li> <li>• Increased benefit take-up (e.g. pension credit, attendance allowance)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PI's from VCS organisations (e.g. CAB's) and statutory agencies</li> <li>• Benefits Agency</li> <li>• Survey data?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legal Services Commission</li> </ul>		

Notes:

(1) cash releasing efficiency gain to then be reinvested in sector by (i) establishing a single funding mechanism for SCC and DC's to administer grants being made to VCS (ii) establishing streamlined approach to performance monitoring of VCS organisations receiving funding & (iii) establishing shared infrastructure arrangements for VCS organisations. But the 'cashability' of this gain may be offset by foregoing to some degree 'big is beautiful' commercial procurement gains by encouraging greater role for VCS in service delivery.

## Healthy Somerset

Somerset's Local Area Agreement provides us with the best opportunity that most people who are passionate about improving health and reducing health inequalities in Somerset will remember. In short it will allow us to stretch further than would otherwise have been possible to make the ambitious and testing potential of the *Choosing Health* white paper on public health a reality for people throughout Somerset.

We will build on our proven track record of close interagency partnership in Somerset. In addition, we intend to further develop and expand innovative initiatives aiming, for instance:

- To increase social capital and inclusion in identified needy areas
- To improve the diet of Somerset citizens
- To encourage the uptake of sports and physical activity in the county to make Somerset in particular, and the south west generally, the place to be for the outdoor life

In developing the outcomes for the Healthy Somerset elements of the Healthier Communities and Older People Block, information was gathered in collaboration with the Somerset Public Health Network via the appropriate health and wellbeing partnerships which act as subgroups of the district Local Strategic Partnerships. We have used data from the Health and Social Needs Analysis Group initiative and supported by the South West Public Health Observatory data.

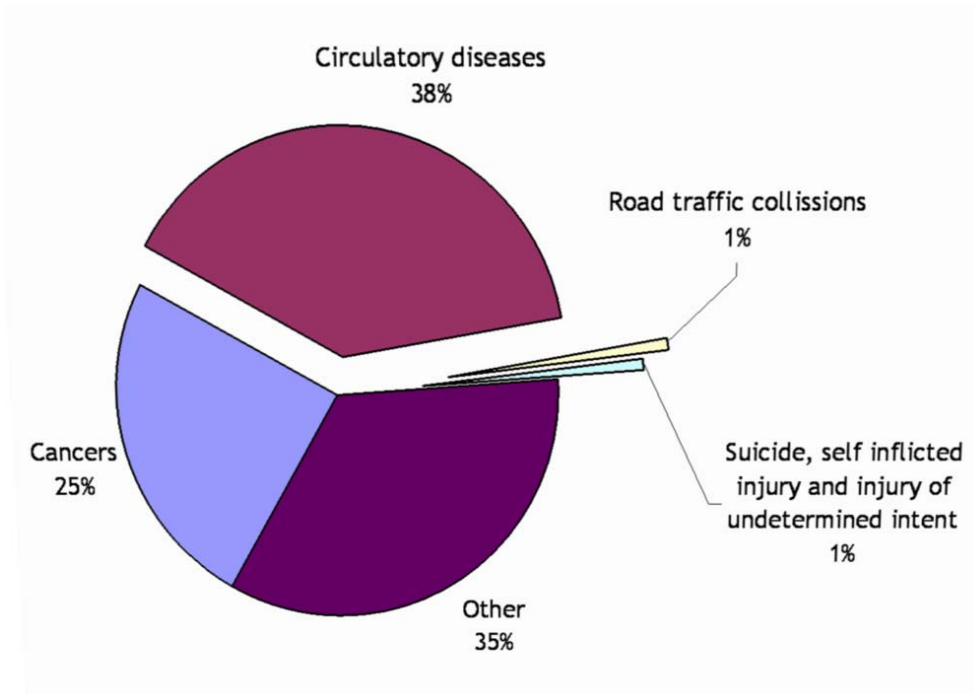
## Background

The people of Somerset for the most part enjoy a healthier, longer and more prosperous life than the national average. Life is good in this county, and many people from outside the area are attracted to Somerset as a lifestyle choice. There are however people, groups of people and communities who find themselves outside this generally good news, and don't enjoy the benefits of health and wellbeing that others do.

## The health of Somerset people

Somerset men can expect to live on average 77 years, whilst women will live 81 years on average. The big killers are cancer and heart disease, though the death rates (in those under 75 years) are lower than the national average at 116 and 96 respectively per 100,000 people. In 2003 a total of 5,792 Somerset people died; the cause of death is as shown in Figure 1.

Figure 1: Cause of death in Somerset, 2003



The top health enhancing lifestyle issues are healthy eating, physical activity, not smoking and having strong social and family networks. Almost half of all premature deaths in Somerset are caused by lifestyle related problems. We can prevent many of these deaths, and the priorities reflected in this block represents a comprehensive programme aiming to tackle these issues.

## LONG LIST LAA TEMPLATE

### BLOCK: HEALTHY SOMERSET

REF	LAA OUTCOME	LAA INDICATOR	PERFORMANCE INFORMATION	FUNDING STREAMS TO ALIGN	FREEDOMS AND FLEXIBILITIES	LINK TO CROSS CUTTING THEME
<b>A To promote and improve the health and wellbeing of Somerset people</b>						
A1a	Reduce the number of early deaths: heart disease	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To reduce mortality rates from coronary heart disease, strokes and related diseases by 40% in people under 75 by 2008 from 1995</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CHD mortality per 100,000 in under 75s</li> <li>Prevalence of smoking</li> </ul>			
A1b	Reduce the number of early deaths: cancer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To reduce mortality rates from cancer by 20% in people under 75 by 2008 from 1995</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cancer mortality per 100,000 in under 75s</li> <li>Prevalence of smoking, by socioeconomic group</li> </ul>			
A2	Reduce the harm from smoking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To reduce adult smoking rates from 26% in 2002 to 21% or less by 2010, with a reduction in smoking in manual groups from 31% to 26% or less</li> <li>Reduce smoking in pregnancy</li> <li>Promote smoke free areas (link with B2)</li> <li>Enforce smoke free legislation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prevalence of smoking, by socioeconomic group</li> <li>Prevalence of smoking amongst pregnant women</li> <li>Number of smoke free premises (link with B2)</li> </ul>	NHS Stop Smoking Services funding Tobacco Alliance funding DC Core funding Healthy Living Centre Communities for Health Monies	Smoking cessation programmes to include enforcement if necessary.	Reducing harms from alcohol

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A3	Reduce obesity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote a healthier Somerset diet</li> <li>To reduce the numbers of adults and children who are overweight and/or obese in Somerset by promoting the benefits of healthy eating and exercise.</li> <li>To increase the proportion of children taking part in physical exercise</li> <li>Promote a healthier Somerset diet</li> <li>Early nutrition: to increase the proportion of mothers who breastfeed their babies, targeting those areas with the highest health needs (link to B1)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish the baseline</li> <li>Halt the rise in the proportion of obese and overweight children under 11 years old by 2010 from 2004 baseline, and to tackle rising obesity problems in adults</li> <li>Development of multifaceted child health promotion programmes</li> <li>All areas to offer initiatives to tackle obesity across Somerset by 2007</li> <li>Extension of schools/family based physical activity and healthy eating programmes</li> <li>Numbers of children and young people participating in sports</li> </ul>	<p>DC Core Funding</p> <p>NHS core funding, including future funding for NHS Accredited Health Trainers</p> <p>Education Health Partnerships</p> <p>Positive Activities for Young People</p> <p>Communities for Health</p> <p>School Meals</p> <p>Somerset Youth services funding</p> <p>Partnership funding from partner district councils</p> <p>Sure Start</p> <p>Children's Services funding</p> <p>5-a-Day</p> <p>Sport England</p>		

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Numbers of children taking part in "Playing for Success" initiatives</li> <li>• Numbers of people referred for physical activity by such initiatives currently (eg ProActive) or in the future (to be determined)</li> <li>• Healthy school meals programme</li> <li>• Healthy cookery programmes in conjunction with environmental health departments, healthy living centres, community projects etc</li> <li>• Number of schemes to promote affordable fruit and vegetables</li> </ul>			

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participation in community garden schemes growing vegetables</li> <li>• Incidence of non-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus (NIDDM)</li> </ul>			
A4	Promote safer food	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce incidence of gastrointestinal infectious disease</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 Somerset hygiene awards per year</li> <li>• Food poisoning statistics</li> </ul>	DC Core Funding NHS core funding Education Health Partnerships		
A5	Improve sexual health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce the under 18 conception rates by 50% by 2010 from 1998 baselines as part of a broader strategy to improve sexual health</li> <li>• Introduction of <i>Chlamydia</i> screening programme by 2007</li> <li>• Secure 48 hour access to Genitourinary Clinics by 2008</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Under 18 conceptions</li> <li>• Uptake and coverage of <i>Chlamydia</i> screening</li> <li>• Proportion of people able to access GUM services within 48 hours</li> </ul>	Countywide Teenage Pregnancy funding NHS core funding Children's services funding		Alcohol and alcohol problems

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A6	<p>Reduce harm from alcohol abuse and encourage sensible drinking; reducing harms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to health;</li> <li>caused by crime and disorder and antisocial behaviour;</li> <li>to productivity in the workplace; and</li> <li>of a social nature (such as family breakdown)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop an alcohol strategy and action plan</li> <li>Increase the number of people accessing alcohol treatment services</li> <li>Improve information for people to access alcohol treatment services</li> <li>To promote sensible drinking</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alcohol related deaths</li> <li>Numbers accessing treatment for alcohol-related problems</li> <li>Number of people receiving information about accessing alcohol treatment services</li> <li>Number of events or roadshows (etc) to promote sensible drinking</li> <li>Proportion of people who when surveyed were able to correctly state the current recommended healthy limits of alcohol consumption</li> <li>Number of people attending casualty departments for alcohol related injuries</li> </ul>	<p>CDRP</p> <p>NHS core funding</p> <p>DC core funding</p> <p>Police core funding</p>		Reducing harms from alcohol

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of alcohol-related violent crime</li> <li>• British Crime Survey perceptions of trends in drunk and rowdy behaviour</li> <li>• Number of repeat offences of domestic violence where alcohol is involved</li> <li>• Drink driving offences/incidents</li> <li>• Alcohol-related employee absenteeism, unemployment and reduced efficiency</li> <li>• Lifestyle Survey: levels of chronic drinking and binge-drinking</li> <li>• Proportion of under-16s who drink, average amount drunk per week</li> </ul>			

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<b>B Reduce health inequalities in Somerset</b>						
B1	To reduce health inequalities by targeting effective interventions in areas with the highest health needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce gap in infant mortality and life expectancy by 10% by 2010 between affluent and poorer areas</li> <li>• Identify Public Health Action Zones where needs are demonstrably greater as measured by (eg) HSNAG where initiatives may be targeted</li> <li>• Coordinated and systematised health equity audits to target areas of higher needs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mortality rates</li> <li>• Infant mortality</li> <li>• HSNAG data</li> <li>• Life expectancy</li> <li>• Deprivation information</li> </ul>	NHS core funding LA core funding TBC		Affordable housing  Alcohol and alcohol problems
B2	To improve health in the workplace	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of organisations with smoke free policies (link with A2)</li> <li>• Number of organisations with workplace based health promotion programmes</li> <li>• Number of employees assisted to quit smoking through contact with an NHS Stop Smoking Service</li> <li>• Number of organisations with policies which promote breastfeeding</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase in number of employers becoming smoke free</li> <li>• Increase in number of employers using Smoke Stop support services (50% increases every year from 2005-8)</li> <li>• Measures to be developed around physical activity and healthy lifestyle in the workplace.</li> </ul>	NHS health promotion funding Sport England	Reducing harms from alcohol	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduction in sickness absence rates</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduction in sickness absence rates</li> <li>Increase in participation levels in physical activity</li> </ul>			
<b>C Housing and health in Somerset</b>						
C1	Reduce homelessness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase supply of affordable accommodation</li> <li>Increase amount of affordable housing in rural areas through work of Rural Housing Enablers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Targets vary by district: Sedgemoor DC target is 884 affordable homes by 2011</li> <li>50% reduction in numbers housed in temporary accommodation by 2010.</li> <li>35% reduction in use of B&amp;B by 2007</li> </ul>	DC enabling budget DC HMO grants Supporting People DC empty property grant Neighbourhood Renewal Fund Housing Corporation Funding Rural Community Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Link provision of low cost homes to availability of local jobs, local services and local transport links</li> <li>Sustainable communities</li> <li>Affordable homes for local people</li> </ul>	Affordable housing
C2	Decent Homes for All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduce Fuel Poverty</li> <li>Reduce proportion of unfit housing.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eliminate fuel poverty by 2010</li> <li>75% of vulnerable households in the private sector decent by 2010</li> <li>All social housing stock decent by 2010</li> </ul>	National Energy Action funding HEES funding DC Decent Homes Grant WRT funding Neighbourhood Renewal Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Piper Lifeline calls due to a fall at home signposted to falls prevention team</li> <li>Directly link</li> </ul>	Affordable housing

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Targets will vary by area: 4% unfit private sector properties made fit per annum in Sedgemoor</li> </ul>	Supporting People DC Housing Revenue Account funding Housing Corporation funding Falls Prevention ODPM funding Home Fire Risk Check Initiative	low income families, frail, elderly to energy efficiency schemes seeking to reduce fuel bids  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Make better use of floating support networks</li> <li>Link fire risk check initiatives with falls prevention initiatives, safety at home initiatives</li> </ul>	
	Provision of accommodation for vulnerable groups	Reduction in long-term hospital care.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduce bed blocking</li> <li>50% reduction in numbers in temporary accommodation by 2010</li> </ul>	DFG funding Supporting People DC Housing Revenue Account funding Falls Prevention Healthy Living Centre Learning Disabilities Physical and Sensory	Continue to support people in their own homes  Link to falls prevention, home safety, and fire safety initiatives.  Promote day centre care  Link to supported	Affordable housing

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				Deprivation Targeted Voluntary sector funding (Social services) Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services.	employment initiatives	
<b>D Cleaner Somerset</b>						
D1	Cleaner surroundings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduce dog fouling</li> <li>Expand recycling and composting services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>20% recycling rate increase in 2005/06</li> <li>Reduction in tonnage of waste going to landfill</li> </ul>	DC Core Funding Waste resource and Action Programme Millennium Volunteers Community Champions Fund Neighbourhood Renewal Funding Street Scene (Mainstream Budget) Waste Performance and Efficiency Grant Positive Activities for Young People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beach clean projects</li> <li>Reclaim derelict land projects – link to community garden schemes (link with A3)</li> </ul>	Affordable housing
D2	Improved air quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Achieve acceptable air quality standards for the protection of human health</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Benzene 16.25 µg/m<sup>3</sup> running annual mean.</li> <li>1,3-Butadiene 2.25</li> </ul>	DC Core funding (Revenue Support Grant) Neighbourhood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cycling to school/work initiatives</li> <li>Healthy</li> </ul>	

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			<p>µg/m<sup>3</sup> running annual mean</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carbon monoxide 10.0 mg/m<sup>3</sup> 8 hour mean</li> <li>• Lead 0.5 µg/m<sup>3</sup></li> <li>• Nitrogen dioxide 200 µg/m<sup>3</sup> 1 hour mean not to be exceeded more than 18 times per year. 40 µg/m<sup>3</sup> annual mean</li> <li>• Nitrogen Oxides 30 µg/m<sup>3</sup> annual mean</li> <li>• Ozone 100 µg/m<sup>3</sup> running 8 hour mean, daily maximum of running 8 hr mean not to be exceeded more than 10 times per year</li> <li>• Particles PM10 (gravimetric) 50 µg/m<sup>3</sup> not to be exceeded more than 35 times per</li> </ul>	<p>Road Safety Initiative</p> <p>School Travel Plans</p> <p>Rural Bus subsidy</p> <p>Waste Performance and efficiency grant</p> <p>Local Enterprise growth Initiative</p> <p>Mainstream Support for Local Transport</p> <p>Capital, Highways maintenance and bus support</p> <p>Kickstart/bus challenge projects</p> <p>Waste Resource and Action Programme</p>	<p>lifestyles promotion cycling/walking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SUSTRANS cycle network connections</li> <li>• Promotion of rural bus routes/community bus schemes</li> <li>• Local jobs for local people</li> <li>• Walk to school initiatives</li> </ul>	

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			<p>year 24 hour mean. 40 µg/m<sup>3</sup> annual mean</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sulphur dioxide 266 µg/m<sup>3</sup> not to be exceeded more than 35 times per year 15-minute mean. 350 µg/m<sup>3</sup> not to be exceeded more than 24 times per year 1 hour mean. 125 µg/m<sup>3</sup> not to be exceeded more than 3 times per year 24 hour mean</li> </ul>			
<b>E Improving the health and wellbeing of Somerset people living with long term conditions</b>						
E1	Improve the health of people with long term conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase NHS support for managing long term health conditions and pilot new approaches eg health trainer</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Numbers of community health trainers</li> </ul>	<p>NHS core funding</p> <p>NHS Stop Smoking services</p>		

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		<p>and expert patient model and expand GP referral, concentrating on the Somerset public health action zones</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Numbers of people with long term conditions who smoke offered Stop Smoking advice</li> <li>• Numbers of people supported through the Condition Management Programme (people on incapacity benefit)</li> <li>• Promote "Prescribing for Learning"</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Numbers of patients supported within the Expert Patient Programme</li> <li>• Early discharges and prevented admissions in people with long term or chronic conditions</li> <li>• Smoking quitters registered as suffering from a long term condition</li> <li>• Numbers of people supported by the Condition Management Programme</li> <li>• Numbers of people within the "Prescribing for Learning" initiative</li> </ul>	<p>Condition Management Programme (JobCentre<i>Plus</i> and NHS)</p> <p>Adult learning</p>		
<b>F Making sure <i>Choosing Health</i> delivers the maximum potential</b>						
F1	Boost organisations' ability to join up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve public health and wellbeing capacity and expertise throughout all</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All organisations completed an appropriate public</li> </ul>			

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	fully and optimally to deliver <i>Choosing Health</i>	partnerships organisations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public health and wellbeing skills audit</li> <li>• Increase the number of health champions in local authorities</li> <li>• Increase the number of public health practitioners registered with the Somerset Public Health Network</li> <li>• Increase the numbers of people from non-NHS organisations developing a CPD portfolio with the assistance of the Somerset Public Health Network (through regular CPD events etc)</li> </ul>	health and wellbeing skills audit by 2007 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health champions in local authorities</li> <li>• Number of public health practitioners registered with the Somerset Public Health Network</li> <li>• Numbers of people from non-NHS organisations developing a CPD portfolio with the assistance of the Somerset Public Health Network (through regular CPD events etc)</li> </ul>			

## Older People

The detailed work for the Older People's theme is being conducted through the Somerset POPP Steering Group. Partnership for Older People's Projects (POPP) is a DH initiative aimed at developing preventive services for older people. The Somerset proposal is based upon the concept of 'successful ageing'. This model characterises older people as active agents in managing their own ageing. It sets out plans to develop 50 very local Active Age Centres over the two years beginning April 2006. Active Age Centres will improve access to, and develop, the range of preventive and well being services provided by statutory and voluntary organisations. They will be geared towards the needs of 'younger' older people (over 50's), as well as those who have already begun to develop dependency. In addition, we are seeking to build upon the 'Link-Age' concept as part of our LAA. Link-Age envisages networks of services that appear seamless to the service user, and have reciprocal assessment arrangements that allow for service users to be pass-ported through services. This will extend the single assessment process (SAP) already operated within health and social care.

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Increasing Older People's inclusion and participation through primary prevention.	Employment of older people	Proportion of over 50s and over 65s in paid employment or economically active.			Economic development and sustainability
	Use of 'mainstream' services by older people.	Enrolments on adult learning and leisure courses by older people.			Healthier communities
		Use of community facilities by older people (e.g. sports centres).			
		Availability and affordability of public transport.	Community transport budget.		Transport and stronger communities
		Reduced number of very low-level social care packages.			

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Increasing Older People's inclusion and participation through primary prevention. (Continued from above).	Active citizenship.	Older people recruited as volunteers.	POPP funding (if successful).	Reduced bureaucracy associated with volunteering	Stronger communities
	Safe and cohesive neighbourhoods.	Fear of crime amongst older people.	Community Safety budgets.		Safer communities
		Older people as victims of crime.			
		Availability of mutual aid (e.g. Good Neighbour schemes).	POPP funding (if successful).		Stronger communities
	Access to information and services.	Number of local Active Age Centres established and preventive / well-being services linked to them	POPP funding (if successful).		Healthier communities. Transport
		Attendances at Active Age Centres.			
Older people at greater risk of exclusion.	Use the indicators above to monitor older people's participation by ethnic / cultural background.			Stronger communities	

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Delaying or preventing dependency through secondary prevention.	Helping older people to continue to live in their own homes.	Permanent admissions of older people to long term residential or nursing care.	Adult Primary Care Budget.		
		Intensive social care packages for older people.	Adult Primary Care Budget.		
		Number of older people helped to live at home.	Adult Primary Care Budget.	More flexible approach to eligibility decisions than currently allowed under Fair Access to Care Services (FACS) policy	
		Delays in progression of low and median cost health and social care packages	POPP funding (if successful).		
	Preventing crises and breakdown of care arrangements	Emergency admissions of older people to hospital.			
		Older people who are injured as a result of a fall.			
		Incidence of fractured neck of femur (older people).			
		Reducing harm to older people arising from alcohol dependency.			Alcohol (harm reduction)

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Delaying or preventing dependency through secondary prevention. (Continued from above).	Flexible services that respond quickly and proactively.	Older people whose discharge from hospital is delayed.	Access and Systems Capacity Grant and Delayed Discharge Grant	More flexible use of Delayed Discharges Grant and reimbursement monies (fines) to allow for investment in earlier prevention.	
		Availability of short term and intermediate care beds.			
		Waiting times for social care assessments.			
		Waiting times for social care services.			
		Carer assessments and support.	Carers Grant.		
		Take up of specific services by carers.			
		Take up of community alarm services and assistive technology.	Supporting People Grant / Preventive Technology Grant.		
Empowerment of older people.	Personal empowerment.	Take up of Direct Payments / Individual Budgets by older people.	Adult Primary Care budget.	Development of a workable model for individual budgets	
		Development of self-assessment.	POPP funding (if successful).	More flexible approach to FACS (see above)	
		Enrolment of older people on the Expert Patient Programme	EPP funding.		
	Community empowerment.	Community initiatives led by older people or with older people's participation.			Stronger communities

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Older people's quality of life	Subjective quality of life rating, showing difference made by any services received.	Self-assessment scores using adapted OPUS tool (to be developed as part of the POPP project).	POPP funding (if successful).		Healthier communities. Stronger communities.
Improving access to all services through development of the Single Assessment Process and the 'Link-Age' concept	Shared assessment processes and organisational networking.	Number of agencies accepting assessments (or elements of assessment) undertaken by other agencies on a reciprocal basis as a passport to services.		Development of reciprocal arrangements and mechanisms beyond existing conventions and requirements. More flexible approach to information sharing.	

## BLOCK: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ENTERPRISE

	LAA OUTCOME	LAA INDICATOR	FUNDING STREAMS TO ALIGN/POOL	FREEDOMS AND FLEXIBILITIES	LINK TO CROSS CUTTING THEME
1.	Increased indigenous business investment in Somerset	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business perception</li> <li>• % of business planning applications determined in 13 weeks</li> <li>• Private investment in Somerset</li> </ul>	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GOSW, SCC, DCs, ENPA planning protocol for businesses</li> </ul>	-
2.	Increased investment into Somerset	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GVA per capita (relative performance)</li> <li>• Private investment levered into Somerset</li> <li>• Perceptions of Somerset as a business location</li> </ul>	Explore scope to pool / align SCC, DCs, SWRDA and UKTI funds to implement a Somerset inward investment marketing strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creating an arms length delivery mechanism (possible use of LPSA1 reward grant for 'set-up' costs)</li> </ul>	-
3.	Increased levels of small business growth and start-up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business survival rates (relative performance)</li> <li>• Business start-up rates (relative performance)</li> <li>• Social enterprise start-up and survival rates</li> </ul>	Explore scope to pool / align SCC, DCs, SWRDA (into Business Link) and DTI funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Removal of entry criteria to central government funded start-up support (eg. unemployed for over 6 months)</li> <li>• Greater Somerset level discretion from SWRDA for micro-enterprise / start-up support from Business Link</li> </ul>	-
4.	Increased levels of business incubation in Somerset towns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning permissions implemented</li> <li>• Floorspace created</li> <li>• Floorspace take up</li> <li>• Business start-ups</li> </ul>	Explore scope to pool / align SCC, DCs and SWRDA funding into a Somerset workspace investment agency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Devolved workspace / business incubation responsibilities from SWRDA (strategic contract with Somerset rather than scheme level involvement)</li> <li>• % "starter" floorspace quota on employment sites above 2 hectares</li> <li>• Piloting of separate use class for business incubation workspace linked to five year stepped business rates for occupants (year 1 = 0% - year 5 = 100%)</li> </ul>	-

5.	More efficient and responsive rural delivery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stakeholder perceptions (private and community)</li> <li>Rural businesses created</li> <li>Rural businesses safeguarded</li> <li>Grant take-up rates</li> <li>Parish / Market Town action plans created</li> <li>Parish / Market Towns action plans acted on</li> </ul>	Explore scope to pool / align SWRDA rural funding, DEFRA social and community programme, European funds (including EAFRD post 2006) and Big Lottery Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Creation of integrated rural funding delivery mechanism for Somerset</li> <li>Explore scope to devolve responsibility for Somerset "quota" of SWRDA corporate plan targets for market town regeneration</li> </ul>	Stronger communities (increased opportunities for voluntary sector)
6.	Increased productivity and competitiveness of Somerset's rural economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Growth of key sectors (food and drink, tourism, creative industries)</li> <li>Rural productivity (relative performance)</li> <li>Rural business start-up</li> <li>Rural floorspace created</li> <li>Rural floorspace taken up</li> </ul>	Explore scope to pool / align regional and local funding into Somerset level sector development delivery mechanisms (food and drink, creative industries, tourism)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pilot of exceptions policy for rural workspace schemes in Somerset (equivalent to local needs housing policy)</li> </ul>	Stronger communities (development of infrastructure for voluntary sector part of cultural and creative sector)
7.	Improved visitor infrastructure in rural Somerset	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The percentage of the total length of rights of way in the local authority area, that are easy to use by the general public (2004/05=50.2%, 2001 target=65%)</li> </ul>	Explore scope to pool / align SCC and DCs Rights of Way budgets and SCC LTP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Removal of requirements to deal with modifications within fixed timescales to allow resources to be concentrated on maintaining and improving the network</li> <li>Diversion of footpaths close to residential or agricultural buildings without objectors being able to require a public inquiry</li> </ul>	-

8.	Raised aspirations and increased achievement levels within 14-24 age group through diverse and equally valued vocational and academic routes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Achievement of level 2 targets at 16 and 19</li> <li>• % of young people completing apprenticeships</li> <li>• Rates of progression to higher education in different parts of Somerset</li> <li>• % of young people in NEET group (not in employment, education or training )</li> <li>• % of young people "earning not learning" Increase in number of employees in knowledge intensive industries</li> </ul>	Explore scope to pool / align Connexions, LSC, JCP, Inland Revenue, Community Legal Service, SWRDA, voluntary and community sector funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flexibilities in national funding models (eg. freedom to divert funds from reducing 20 weeks NEET numbers to prevention activities to stop NEET increasing in first place)</li> <li>• Flexibilities in use of Rural Bus Grant</li> <li>• Student grant flexibilities for Somerset "returners"</li> <li>• Mainstream funding for Moped Loan Scheme</li> </ul>	-
9.	Potential and contribution of all members of existing and latent workforce realised	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participation of women, black and minority ethnic residents and people with disabilities in learning and employment</li> <li>• Pay relativities</li> <li>• Qualification levels</li> </ul>	Explore scope to pool / align LSC, JCP. SCC, Inland Revenue, Community Legal Service, SWRDA, voluntary and community sector funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Freedom to change eligibility for, or emphasis of, funding support according to need</li> </ul>	-
10.	Large employers (including public sector) remedying the literacy and numeracy deficit within the their adult workforce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Achievement of Somerset literacy and numeracy target</li> <li>• Progression to further learning and qualifications</li> <li>• Increase in number of employees in knowledge intensive industries</li> </ul>	Explore scope to pool / align LSC and employer training budgets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Freedom to change eligibility for, or emphasis of, funding support according to need</li> </ul>	-

11.	Resolution of current and projected skill shortages particularly at technician level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of adults achieving first level 2 and level 3 qualifications</li> </ul>	Explore scope to pool / align SWRDA, LSC, JCP and employer training budgets.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Freedom to change eligibility for, or emphasis of, funding support according to need</li> </ul>	-
12.	Increase enterprise and economic opportunity in areas of high deprivation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trends in employment and enterprise in hotspot areas (IMD top 20%)</li> <li>• New enterprise in hotspot areas</li> <li>• New social enterprise in hotspot areas</li> </ul>	Explore scope to pool / align SWRDA, LSC, JCP, SCC and DCs funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extension of Enterprise area flexibilities to all targeted areas</li> </ul>	-
13.	Improved integration of migrant workers into the community and their ability to access “second phase work” once qualified for UK benefit support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provision of English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)</li> </ul>	Explore scope to pool / align JCP, LSC and SWRDA funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• -</li> </ul>	-

**BLOCK: Cross Cutting Transport**

LAA OUTCOME	LAA INDICATOR	PERFORMANCE INFORMATION	FUNDING STREAMS TO ALIGN/POOL	FREEDOMS AND FLEXIBILITIES	LINK TO CROSS CUTTING THEME
Improve road and vehicle safety with a focus on crime prevention	Number of Killed and Seriously Injured (KSI) Casualties	<b>1994-98 baseline</b> average: 376  <b>2010 target:</b> 40% reduction (226)	SCC LTP, crime and disorder partnership, safety camera partnership, Somerset Fire & Rescue Service.	Flexible use of traffic offence fines for casualty reduction initiatives.  Key agencies input into training of driving inspectors.	<b>Safer Communities</b>
Increasing Older people's inclusion and participation through primary prevention	Use of mainstream services by older people.  Access to information and services	Availability and affordability of public transport  Access to information and services Indicators to be developed through accessibility planning process	IPTU, SCC LTP, NHS Non- emergency transport, community and voluntary transport.	Integration of Non-emergency transport and IPTU budgets/ contracts.  Use of LTP capital funds to support provision of passenger transport services	<b>Older People</b>
Strengthen the contribution that the voluntary and community sector play in reducing social exclusion	Use of voluntary and community transport services	<b>Target LPI 1</b> (Passenger journeys using community based accessible vehicles)  <b>2004/04 Baseline:</b> 230,090  <b>2011 Target:</b> 20% increase	IPTU, SCC LTP, NHS Non- emergency transport, community and voluntary transport.	Better Integration and co-ordination with voluntary sector.	<b>Stronger Communities</b>

Increased diversity of rural economy	Rural business start-up Rural floorspace created Rural floorspace taken up			Reduce highway statutory requirements for rural planning permissions	<b>Economic Development and Enterprise</b>
Increased accessibility to work and training for rural residents	Reduction in unemployment among 18-24 year olds	Access to post-16 education and employment indicators being developed through accessibility planning process	SCC LTP, IPTU, SWRDA, LSC, Jobcentre Plus, Connexions	Mainstreaming funding for Moped Loan Scheme.  Greater flexibility in use of rural bus grant  Use of LTP capital funds to support provision of passenger transport services	<b>Economic Development and Enterprise</b>  <b>Children and Young People</b>
Improved rights of way	BVPI178 Ease of Use of Rights of Way	<b>2004/05 current:</b> 50.2% <b>2011 target:</b> 65%	SCC & District Councils Rights of Way budgets, SCC LTP.	Removal of requirements to deal with modifications within fixed timescales to allow resources to be concentrated on maintaining and improving the network  Diversion of footpaths close to residential or agricultural buildings without objectors being able to require a public inquiry	<b>Economic Development and Enterprise</b>

Reduce Obesity	<p>Reduce the numbers of adults and children who are overweight and/or obese in Somerset by promoting the benefits of healthy eating and exercise</p> <p>Increase the proportion of children taking part in physical exercise.</p>	<p><b>Target LTP3</b> (Cycling): a greater level of cycling will directly contribute to lowering obesity levels through promoting regular exercise.</p> <p><b>2004/05 current:</b> 2477 cycling trips at a representative number of points across Somerset.</p> <p><b>2011 Target:</b> 10% increase</p> <p><b>Target LTP4</b> (Mode Share of Journey to School): similarly a greater level of walking and cycling to school will directly contribute to lowering obesity levels</p> <p><b>2003/ 04 Current</b> : 14% secondary school children travelling to school by car &amp; 45% primary school children travelling to school by car.</p>	NHS, SCC LTP	More integrated health promotion programmes.	<b>Health</b>
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		<b>2005/06 targets:</b> 10% (secondary) and 38% (primary).			
Reduce health inequalities by targeting effective interventions in areas with the highest health needs	Improve access to healthcare particularly in more deprived areas with low car ownership	Access to Healthcare Indicators being developed through accessibility planning process	NHS, IPTU, SCC LTP	Integration of Non-emergency transport and IPTU budgets/ contracts.	<b>Health</b>
Improved Air Quality	Achieve acceptable air quality standards for the protection of human health	<b>Target LTP8:</b> (Reduce NOx concentration to: at or below national threshold in designated AQMA's by 2011)  <b>2004/05 Current:</b> Yeovil 49.5ug/m3 Taunton East-Reach 41.07 ug/m3 Taunton Henlade 35.67ug/m3  <b>2011 Target:</b> 40ug/m3	District Councils, SCC LTP, IPTU, waste performance and efficiency grant, Local Enterprise growth initiative, waste resource and action programme.		<b>Health</b>
Improve life chances for the most vulnerable children and young people in Somerset including children looked after	Locality teams tackling rural isolation/ access to information and services	Access to learning Indicators currently being developed through accessibility planning process	IPTU, SCC LTP	Use of LTP capital funds to support provision of passenger transport services	<b>Children and Young People</b>

Improve the expectations and aspirations of children and young people and their families	Healthy Schools Initiatives  Reduce half days missed through absence and levels of permanent/ fixed level exclusion	<b>Target LTP4</b> (Mode Share of Journey to School) Access to learning indicators currently being developed through accessibility planning process	IPTU, SCC LTP	Use of LTP capital funds to support provision of passenger transport services	<b>Children and Young People</b>
Improve the wellbeing and life chances for all children and young people to reach their full potential and enjoyment as future citizens	Implement healthy schools initiatives  <b>Access to learning</b>	<b>Target LTP4</b> (Mode Share of Journey to School) Access to learning indicators currently being developed through accessibility planning process	IPTU, SCC LTP	Use of LTP capital funds to support provision of passenger transport services	<b>Children and Young People</b>
Promote positive health and achievement outcomes for children and young people regarded as vulnerable because of emotional, physical or mental health issues	Improved access to CAMHS  Implement healthy schools initiatives	<b>Target LTP4</b> (Mode Share of Journey to School): a greater level of walking and cycling to school will directly contribute to improved health			<b>Children and Young People</b>
Improve early intervention for children and young people with emotional/ behavioural difficulties through local integrated preventative services	Locality teams tackling rural isolation/ access to information and services	Access to learning indicators currently being developed through accessibility planning process			<b>Children and Young People</b>

## BLOCK: CROSS CUTTING THEME HOUSING

LAA Outcome	LAA Indicator	Potential Funding Streams to Align / Pool
Outcome 1 - Increase the supply of affordable homes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Number of new affordable units (per annum by district)</li> <li>- Ratio of lower quartile house prices to lower quartile earnings (PSA Target)</li> </ul> <p><u>Additional :</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Number of rural housing enablers</li> <li>- Housing Need Survey (or local area assessments) completed ?</li> <li>- Affordable Housing SPD in all districts ?</li> <li>- Model S106 agreements ?</li> <li>- Empty properties brought back into use</li> </ul>	<p>Housing Corporations Approved Development Programme            Single Housing Investment Pot            Planning Delivery Grant            Capital Receipts            RDA Single Pot</p> <p><u>Other potential resources include :</u>            Section 106 Contributions            Facilitating development through LA or other public sector land ownership (eg. health authority or MOD)</p>
Outcome 2 – Improve the quality of housing (public and private sector)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Number of households living in homes which do not meet decent homes standard</li> <li>a) social housing (PSA Target)</li> <li>b) net reduction by most deprived area (PSA Target)</li> <li>c) vulnerable households in private sector (PSA Target)</li> </ul> <p><u>Additional :</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Number / value of repair grants</li> <li>- Level of private sector investment facilitated</li> <li>- Community / group repair schemes ?</li> </ul>	<p>Disabled Facilities Grant            Housing Corporations Approved Development Programme            Single Housing Investment Pot</p> <p><u>Other potential resources include :</u>            General regeneration funding programmes            Wessex Reinvestment Trust Loans</p>
Outcome 3 – Tackle Homelessness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Numbers of people / households registered homeless (include where children effected ?)</li> <li>- Number of nights in temporary accommodation</li> </ul> <p><u>Additional :</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Rough Sleepers Count</li> </ul>	<p>Housing Corporations Approved Development Programme            Single Housing Investment Pot</p> <p><u>Other potential resources include :</u>            Charities            General regeneration funding programmes</p>

<p>Outcome 4 – Ensure appropriate housing provision for people with particular needs (including supported housing)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Number of people supported to live in their own home</li> <li>- Number of units (with support) for particular priority groups</li> </ul> <p>(ref to Supporting People Targets if decide to include funding stream)</p>	<p>Supporting People          Disabled Facilities Grant          Housing Corporations Approved Development Programme (including top slice for special needs housing )          Government Revenue Support Grant          Single Housing Investment Pot          Capital Receipts</p> <p><u>Other potential resources include :</u>          Big Lottery          General regeneration funding programmes          PCT          Social services budget</p>
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