

Item 3h Partner Updates

Organisation	<p>South Hams District Council South Hams Sustainable Community Strategy Action Plan Update</p>
Date	8 March 2010
Summary of Progress	<p>An update of the South Hams Sustainable Community Strategy Action Plan is attached. The final column of the table provides a brief update of current progress.</p>
Current / Shared Issues	<p>Public Spending Reductions The Council is considering the potential for between 15% - 25% reductions in future budget provision over the next 3 to 5 years and the implications for future service provision. In tandem efficiencies and opportunities for developing partnership arrangements to ensure front line service delivery will be explored. Such a scale of potential budget reduction as a response to the national economic situation will require transformational change in the way we deliver services.</p> <p>Local Government Re-organisation The Minister's decision provides the Council with clarity over its future direction.</p> <p>Integrated Devon This initiative involves the County Council and Districts developing a range of partnerships. Current work includes reviewing Planning/Section 106 Agreements, Property and Asset Management, Emergency Planning and Drainage and Flooding Activities. Of particular interest to partners is the possible sharing of the Follaton complex with DCC.</p> <p>Shared services with West Devon As a result of clarity in relation to LGR, it is anticipated that the shared services programme area will be accelerated with agreement in principle that all services will be shared to some extent. The depth and pace of integration will depend on the specific characteristics of each service.</p> <p>LDF Site Allocations We aim to publish proposals in early 2010, focussed on sites for needed housing and employment. A presentation on this issue is scheduled elsewhere on this agenda.</p>

	<p>Local Action Groups Greater Dartmoor Local Enterprise Action Fund (GDLEAF) & South Devon Coastal Local Action Group (SDCLAG) are two funding programmes valued at £1.8m each and operate until 2013.</p> <p>Funds committed at December 2009 are: GDLEAF £704k (33% commitment) 23 projects SDCLAG £357k (18% commitment) 17 projects</p> <p>There are 15 Local Action Groups operating within the region with GDLEAF top of the league table and SDCLAG 4th in terms of funding committed. However, they have both been used as role models by SWRDA.</p>
Key Partnerships	<p>Key partnership activity is summarised in the South Hams Sustainable Community Strategy Action Plan update referred to above. Partners are invited to review the attachment to ensure that it reflects the up to date position in relation to their contribution. Updates should be notified to Amanda Harvey.</p>
SHSP Action Recommended	<p>Partners to review the SCS Action Plan and consider how they could further contribute to the delivery of outcomes.</p>