

**SOUTH HAMS SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY  
ACTION PLAN 2009-2011**

The implementation of this action plan is dependent on wide ownership in the public, private, voluntary and community sectors, and on the identified resources being secured and/or maintained.

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| <b>Affordable Housing</b> | Support Housing Strategy and Homelessness Strategy delivery.  | SHDC         | DCC<br>RSLs (Tor)<br>DHT<br>CAB<br>CVS<br><i>Young Devon</i> | Ongoing activity | Secure a supply of housing for local people at affordable levels.<br><br>Specific targets can be found in strategy documents. | 23<br>26<br>27 | Housing Strategy review underway (draft due for consultation Spring 2010).<br><br>Homelessness Forum established & meets quarterly.<br>Direct Lets Scheme in operation.<br>Target exceeded for reducing households in temporary accommodation.<br>Housing options information pack produced & website improved.<br>Prevention pack produced.<br>Outreach surgeries established as part of South Hams Connect.<br>Choice Based Letting scheme due to be implemented 20 Jan 2010.<br>Full Council to appoint Homelessness & Vulnerable Person Champion. |
|                           | Ensure appropriate infrastructure provision for development in Sherford new community, towns and villages | SHDC         | DCC<br>EA<br>Police<br>PCT<br>SWW                            | Sept 2009        | Strategic Infrastructure Delivery (SID) Programme for towns and villages  | 23<br>26       | Sherford outline pp granted by SHDC & PCC 31 Jul 2009 subject to satisfactory completion of S106 (development due to commence 2010).<br><br>SID Programme in final stages of preparation (due to be published early 2010 as part of evidence base for Site Allocation DPDs).  |
|                           | Encourage partners to bring assets forward for the delivery of housing to meet local needs.               | SHDC         | All partners   | Ongoing activity | Assets are used to deliver SCS, LAA and corporate priorities.   | 23<br>26       | SHDC & DCC in initial discussions regarding DCC's assets in Totnes.   |

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|  | Raise awareness of issues around leaving home for young people.          | SHDC | PCT<br>Police<br>RSLs (Tor)<br>CAB<br><i>Young Devon</i> | March<br>2011 | Young people are informed and supported in their housing choice. | 27      | Youth Homeless Prevention Officer appointed (joint funded with CYPS).<br>Protocol for dealing with homeless 16-18 year olds in final stages of development (with LA & CYPS).<br>Contract for providing supported lodgings & emergency accommodation currently being re-tendered (via SP/LPSA).   |
|  | Raise awareness of energy consumption and 'Devon Warm Zones' schemes. ♻️ | SHDC | EA<br>RSLs (Tor)<br>PCT<br>CVS<br>CAB                    | March<br>2011 | Fuel poverty is reduced and home energy efficiency is improved.  | 5<br>33 | 'Devon Warm Zones' rebranded 'Cosy Devon'.<br>Installation of free / heavily subsidised loft / cavity wall insulation for all supported.<br>Home energy & benefit entitlement checks carried out.<br>Grants available to further subsidise works for low income households & over 60s as part of SHDC Private Sector Renewal Policy.<br>Private Landlords Energy Action grants available to support landlords installing energy efficiency measures. |

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| <b>Competitive Local Economy</b> | Support Prosperity Strategy and Tourism Strategy delivery.   | SHDC                | DCC<br>South Devon College<br>FSB<br>BT<br>DNPA<br><i>Business sector</i> | Ongoing activity | Create the conditions for new and innovative businesses to develop.<br><br>Ensure a prosperous and sustainable tourism sector.<br><br>Specific targets can be found in strategy documents. | 17<br>18<br>19<br>22 | Joint Economic Development Action Plan agreed with WD in course of consultation (due for adoption early Spring 2010).  |
|                                  | Ensure appropriate infrastructure provision for development in Sherford new community, towns and villages. | SHDC<br>DNPA        | DCC<br>EA<br>Police<br>PCT<br>SWW   | Sept 2009        | Core Infrastructure Delivery Plan.   | 22                   | Sherford outline pp granted by SHDC & PCC 31 Jul 2009 subject to satisfactory completion of S106 (development due to commence 2010).<br><br>SID Programme in final stages of preparation (due to be published early 2010 as part of evidence base for Site Allocation DPDs).                       |
|                                  | Encourage partners to bring assets forward for the delivery of employment to meet local needs.             | SHDC                | All partners  | Ongoing activity | Assets are used to deliver SCS, LAA and corporate priorities.  | 22                   | SHDC & DCC in initial discussions regarding DCC's assets in Totnes.  |
|                                  | Support the Torbay and South Devon Employment and Skills Board.  | South Devon College | SHDC<br><i>Business sector</i>  | March 2011       | Employers are engaged in identifying skills needs.<br><br>Specific targets can be found in delivery plan.  | 17                   | Regular SDC, FSB, SHDC & local business representation at quarterly core partners meetings with the aim of responding to the employment & skills needs of the local community.   |
|                                  | Partners to give local businesses the opportunity to provide them with goods and services. ♻️              | All Partners        | -   | March 2011       | The carbon footprint of partners is reduced through the use of local suppliers.  | 5<br>6               | <b>SHDC's procurement rules promote the services of small local businesses for contracts under £75k. Contracts over £75k are advertised locally &amp; split into lots, where appropriate, to enable local businesses to tender.</b><br><b>Joint procurement &amp; economic development meeting</b> |

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|  |   |              |   |            |  |         | <b>reviewed promotion of local businesses.</b>  |
|  | Partners to promote local buying amongst employees and services users. ♻️ | All Partners | - | March 2011 | The carbon footprint of partners is reduced and the local economy supported. | 5<br>6  | SHDC attendance at Procurement Partners meetings. Continuous promotion of local purchasing initiatives. |
|  | Investigate the potential for local work hubs. ♻️                         | All Partners | - | March 2011 | The carbon footprint of partners is reduced through shared accommodation.    | 5<br>22 | SHDC & DCC in discussions about further shared use of the Follaton site.                                |

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| <b>Community Vibrancy</b> | Support the South Devon and Dartmoor CDRP delivery plan with priorities around 'Alcohol misuse', 'Antisocial Behaviour and criminal damage', 'Fear of crime' and 'Anti-social use of vehicles'. | Police                      | All partners  | Ongoing activity | Crime and the fear of crime is reduced.<br><br>Specific targets can be found in delivery plan.  | 28<br>31<br>32<br>34<br>38 | CDRP Community Safety Team progressing projects in Local Delivery Plan.<br>Progress reported quarterly to CDRP meetings.   |
|                           | Support Active South Hams delivery plan and the outcomes from the Health and Well-being partnership.  | PCT<br>SHDC                 | CVS<br>Town Councils<br>Police<br>DNPA<br>EA<br><i>Tone</i><br><i>Leisure</i> | Ongoing activity | Improved health and reduced health inequalities.<br><br>Specific targets can be found in delivery plans.  | 11<br>13<br>30             | Update papers provided for quarterly SHSP meetings.  |
|                           | Support Devon Children and Young People's Plan, in particular South Hams priorities around 'Parenting Support', 'Safe things to do and safe places' and 'Access & Transport'.                   | DCC                         | All Partners  | Ongoing activity | Improve life chances for children and young people through effective local children's trust.<br>Specific targets can be found in delivery plan. | 29                         | Key challenge is to access robust evidence in relation to the 3 priorities to inform future commissioning of services. This has delayed significant progress but the Trust are seeking ways forward. |
|                           | Encourage participation in community based planning activities and the use of the 'Communities in Action' database.   | DCC<br>SHDC                 | All Partners  | March 2011       | Communities are able to identify and communicate issues and needs to partners.  | 9<br>16                    | CCD & DNPA providing community planning support to parishes within DNP.  |
|                           | Support appropriate community-based projects.   | To be decided as they arise | All Partners  | March 2011       | Communities are able to secure funding and deliver projects.  | 16                         | £1 million allocated to 6 community projects across the district through SHDC's Investment in the Community Initiative (Sept 2009).  |

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|  | Develop outreach surgeries to be held in community locations. | <b>SHDC</b> | All Partners                   | March 2011 | Communities are able to communicate issues and needs to partners. | 9<br>16 | South Hams Connect launched in partnership with West Devon Connect (20 Sept 2009).<br>20+ partner agencies have signed up.<br>Twice monthly surgeries being held in Kingsbridge.<br>Monthly surgeries being held in Totnes.<br>Service due to be launched in Dartmouth & Ivybridge in early 2010. |
|  | Deliver Skate Park competition.                               | SHDC        | Town Councils<br>PCT<br>Police | Sept 2009  | Partner engagement with young people is improved.                 | 16      | Street Sport Festival held in Sept 2009 (SHDC & DYS).<br>Comprised 3 Friday evening events linked to Youth Leisure Nights held in Dartmouth, Kingsbridge & Ivybridge.<br>Saturday final competition held in Totnes with live music & food – attended by 170+ young people.                        |

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| <b>Quality Environment</b> | Support Public Space Strategy delivery.                                     | SHDC         | All Partners        | Ongoing activity | Ensure quantity, quality and accessibility of public spaces that provide the greatest benefit and best use of resources.<br><br>Specific targets can be found in strategy documents.                       | 2          | Delivery monitored quarterly by Environment South Hams Group & reported to SHSP meetings.   |
|                            | Support Dartmoor National Park Management Plan.                             | DNPA         | All Partners        | Ongoing activity | Conserve and enhance natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage.<br><br>Specific targets can be found in delivery plan.  | 2          | Update papers provided for quarterly SHSP meetings.   |
|                            | Support South Devon AONB and Tamar Valley AONB Management Plans.            | SHDC DCC     | All Partners        | Ongoing activity | Conserve and enhance the natural beauty of the landscape.<br><br>Specific targets can be found in delivery plans.  | 2          | Statutory Management Plans for both AONBs revised in 2009 for next 5 years with new Delivery Plans.   |
|                            | Support Slapton Line Partnership delivery plan.                             | EA SHDC DCC  | All Partners        | Ongoing activity | Support the community as it adapts to live and work with the changing coast, including the temporary and eventual permanent loss of the coast road.<br><br>Specific targets can be found in delivery plan. | 16         | Diversion routes & signage established. Work has been carried out with local businesses on marketing issues. Annual event to showcase the area established. New visitor displays & interpretation installed in the area.  |
|                            | Support the implementation Shoreline Management Plan for South Devon coast. | EA           | All partners        | Ongoing activity | Publish and help people understand outputs from second generation Shoreline Management Plans.<br><br>Specific targets can be found in delivery plan.   | 3          | Consultation led by Teignbridge District Council ended Summer 2009. South Dorset & Devon Coastal Action Group is currently finalising the Plan which it expects to publish the final version of in Spring 2010 (see <a href="http://www.sdadcag.org/Enter.htm">http://www.sdadcag.org/Enter.htm</a> for details). |

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|  | Support the development of new Catchment Flood Management Plans. ♻️ | EA  | All partners | Ongoing activity | Identify actions to manage flood risk across South Hams.<br><br>Specific targets can be found in delivery plan.                        | 3            | EA is visiting each Local Planning Authority between now and Apr 2010 to check awareness of CFMPs & discuss / explain actions in the Plans to manage flood risk in that area.  |
|  | Support Water Framework Directive delivery plan.                    | EA  | All partners | Ongoing activity | Take measures to help water bodies in the South Hams area reach good condition.<br><br>Specific targets can be found in delivery plan. | 3<br>8       | EA has published draft SW River Basin Plan to achieve good ecological status in our rivers by 2015 - hope to achieve higher % improvement of rivers in South Hams than in other parts of the country. EA currently working with Partners to protect & improve the quality of our rivers. |
|  | Encourage partners to sign up to a Green Travel Plan. ♻️            | ESH | All Partners | March 2011       | Partners carbon footprint is reduced.  | 5<br>20      | ESH Sub-Group meeting held 2 Nov 2009 to review existing Partner GTPs. Now developing a way forward.   |
|  | Encourage allotment / local food projects. ♻️                       | ESH | All Partners | March 2011       | Community-owned and managed food projects.   | 2<br>5<br>30 | ESH currently scoping the issue.   |
|  | Encourage participation in South Hams Tree Scheme. ♻️               | ESH | All Partners | March 2011       | Practical conservation activities that enhance bio-diversity.  | 5<br>8       | On hold at present.  |

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| <b>Improved collaborative working</b> | Joint lobbying of county, regional and national bodies relating to district's problems and possible solutions.   | All Partners              | -                   | Ongoing activity | Raise awareness of rural issues, including the availability of funding streams in the South Hams; and the outcomes from Sustainable Communities Act event.     | -                        | SCA update to be discussed at SHSP meeting on 14 Dec 2009.  |
|                                       | Monitor Compact for Devon Implementation Plan.   | CVS<br>SHDC<br>PCT<br>DCC | All Partners        | Ongoing activity | Improve and develop the relationship between the voluntary & community sectors and the statutory sector. Specific targets can be found in implementation plan. | -                        | Compact update presentation to be given to SHSP meeting on 14 Dec 2009.                                 |
|                                       | Support the delivery of the Community Involvement Policy.  | All Partners              | -                   | Ongoing activity | Meaningful community involvement in partners resource allocation processes.  | 16                       | Key project in progress is Stokenham street scene and grounds maintenance initiative.                   |
|                                       | Embed this SCS Action Plan in Partners' activities and review processes.   | All Partners              | -                   | Ongoing activity | Improved understanding and delivery of SCS by partners.  | -                        | Updated Action Plan will be considered at each SHSP meeting.  |
| Social Inclusion                      | Support Social Inclusion Strategy and the Devon-wide Supporting People Strategy delivery.  | All Partners              | -                   | Ongoing activity | Delivery of innovative projects / support packages. Specific targets can be found in strategy documents.   | 15<br>27                 | Emerging project to improve the speed of delivery across key partners of disabled facility adaptations. |
|                                       | Specific and targeted actions to address social inclusion in the following wards, identified as South Hams most deprived communities (Dartmouth Townstal, Totnes Bridgetown and Totnes Town) as well as projects targeted at 'communities of interest' across the district | All Partners              | -                   | Ongoing activity | For example:<br>* Townstal Connecting Communities Project<br>* Benefit Take-up Campaigns<br>* Junior Life skills<br>* Devon Warm Zones<br>* Wheels to Work     | 5<br>9<br>14<br>15<br>16 | Townstal Community Partnership presentation to be given to SHSP meeting on 14 Dec 2009.                 |
| Climate Change                        | Support Climate Change Strategy delivery. Partners to demonstrate actions to mitigate against and address the impacts of climate change.   | All Partners              | -                   | Ongoing activity | Specific targets can be found in strategy document. See projects above marked with ♻️ in this plan.  | 3<br>5                   | Partners encouraged to car share when attending SHSP meetings.  |

## Notes:

SHSP recognise that SMART targets have not been included in this action plan, as they are likely to be found within the associated strategy documents and delivery plans.

The LAA Priority Actions that most aligned to the South Hams Strategic Partnership and its partner organisations' existing and emerging priorities are highlighted in the action plan above. It is recognised that there are other LAA Priority Actions and that SHSP and local partners may be involved in their delivery.

More information on LAA targets and indicators can be found the Devon LAA document 2008 – 2018.

<http://www.devonsp.org.uk/laa.html>

AMR - Annual Monitoring Report (of Local Development Framework)

AONB - Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

CAB - Citizens Advice Bureau

CDRP - Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership

CVS – Community & Voluntary Services

DCC - Devon County Council

DHSG - Devon Strategic Housing Group

DHT - Dartington Hall Trust

DNPA - Dartmoor National Park Authority

EA - Environment Agency

ESH - Environment South Hams

FSB - Federation of Small Businesses

LAA - Local Area Agreement

PCT - Primary Care Trust

RSL - Registered Social Landlord

SCS - Sustainable Community Strategy

SHDC - South Hams District Council

SHSP - South Hams Strategic Partnership

SWW - South West Water

s.106 – 'Section 106' infrastructure and funding provided by developers

Supporting partners high-lighted in italics, are those who are not members of the SHSP but who it would seem appropriate to invite to any working group meetings/activities. Additional supporting partners may also be identified over the course of the action plan.