

Item 3c Partner Updates

Organisation	South Hams District Council
Date	14 December 2009
Summary of Progress	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.
Current / Shared Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Spending Reductions In line with other public agencies the Council is preparing for major reductions in future budget provision and is considering the implications for future service provision and opportunities for further developing partnership arrangements to protect front line service delivery. • Local Government Re-organisation The most recent Court of Appeal Hearing took place in early October. The legal judgement has yet to be made and therefore uncertainty continues to be an organisational challenge. • Integrated Devon This initiatives 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. • Shared services with West Devon To date we have a shared Chief Executive, a joint Management Team at Director level and shared management arrangements for services such as Human Resources, Environmental Health and Building Control. It is anticipated in the new year we will initiate shared services in Housing and Community Development, Strategic Planning and Economy, Waste and Street Scene Services, Legal Services and Internal Audit. • LDF Site Allocations We aim to publish proposals in early 2010, focussed on sites for needed housing and employment. An associated programme of support infrastructure has been prepared by the Infrastructure Task and Finish Group. A full report is scheduled for the next meeting.
Key Partnerships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key Partnership Activity is summarised in the South Hams Sustainable Community Strategy Action Plan update referred to above.
SHSP Action Recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partners to review the SHSP Strategy Action Plan and consider how they could further contribute to the delivery of outcomes.