

Item	Sustainable Communities Act Update
Date	14 December 2009
Summary of progress	<p>Further to the report brought to SHSP in June 2009, Partners will recall that the Community Partnership Forum raised proposals at an event in February to encourage a sustainable South Hams community. 11 proposals were short listed at the event and were worked up and submitted to the LGA by the 31 July deadline (see appendix 1).</p> <p>The Selector Panel of LGA Members has started considering the 301 proposals received by Local Authorities under the SCA. It is the Selector's responsibility to shortlist the proposals before submitting them to the appropriate Secretary of State for consideration for implementation.</p> <p>During the first two meetings of three, of the Selector Panel, 8 proposals submitted by SHDC were considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Post Office proposal- features relating to committing not to enter into a further closure programme, sustaining a national network and set up a Post Bank are progressing. -Business rate relief for local procurement- this proposal will progress. -Separate fund for second home council tax in 2 tier areas- this was eliminated as it was decided it does not require assistance from SoS- can be worked out locally. -Local renewable energy proposal- progressing to shortlist -Adapting green spaces for climate change- progressing to shortlist. -Integrated Health Impact Assessments- eliminated from process as does not require assistance from SoS. -Green initiatives- progressing to shortlist -Volunteer services fully funded- eliminated due to viability on financial grounds. <p>The final shortlisting meeting has been held, however the outcomes have yet to be released.</p> <p>Officers at South Hams are waiting contact from the LGA regarding any additional information they may have to supply in support of the proposals that are progressing for consideration by the SoS.</p> <p>Once the shortlisted proposals are submitted, the SoS will decide in cooperation with the LGA, which proposals to implement and will issue an action plan for implementation. Currently there is no indication of how long this decision process will take.</p>
SHSP Action recommended	Note progress made to date.