


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.

Theme	Action	Lead Partner	Supporting Partners	Target date	Output / Outcome desired	LAA action	Progress to May 2010
Affordable Housing	Support Housing Strategy and Homelessness Strategy delivery.	SHDC	DCC RSLs (Tor) DHT CAB CVS <i>Young Devon</i>	Ongoing activity	Secure a supply of housing for local people at affordable levels. Specific targets can be found in strategy documents.	23 26 27	Interim Housing Strategy for 2010/11 currently out for consultation. Work will commence on a new shared Housing Strategy for South Hams and West Devon during autumn 2010. Homelessness Forum established & meets quarterly. Direct Lets Scheme in operation - currently 19 properties in the scheme. Target exceeded for reducing households in temporary accommodation. Housing options information pack produced & website improved. Prevention pack produced. Outreach surgeries established as part of South Hams Connect. Choice Based Letting scheme introduced Feb 2010. Intermediate rented properties now being used for applicants. Empty Homes Strategy produced and work is being undertaken to identify empty homes with a view to returning them to use. New specific service standards agreed by Forum to sit behind Customer First.
	Ensure appropriate infrastructure provision for development in Sherford new community, towns and villages.	SHDC	DCC EA Police PCT SWW	Sept 2009	Strategic Infrastructure Delivery (SID) Programme for towns and villages	23 26	Sherford outline pp granted by SHDC & PCC Jul 2009 subject to satisfactory completion of S106 (development due to commence 2010). Final SID Programme published Apr 2010 alongside Publication Stage of 5 Site Allocations DPDs (Dartmouth, Ivybridge, Kingsbridge, Totnes & Rural Areas). Out for consultation until 2

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	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 26	SHDC & DCC in discussions regarding DCC's assets in Totnes.

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Affordable Housing	Raise awareness of issues around leaving home for young people.	SHDC	PCT Police RSLs (Tor) CAB <i>Young Devon</i>	March 2011	Young people are informed and supported in their housing choice.	27	Youth Homeless Prevention Officer appointed (joint funded with CYPS). Protocol for dealing with homeless 16-18 year olds now in place. Contract for providing supported lodgings & emergency accommodation appointed. Investigations being undertaken to establish the viability of implementing nightstop & crash pads in South Hams. Nightstop service introduced into the South Hams from April 2010.
	Raise awareness of energy consumption and 'Devon Warm Zones' schemes. 	SHDC	EA RSLs (Tor) PCT CVS CAB	March 2011	Fuel poverty is reduced and home energy efficiency is improved.	5 33	'Devon Warm Zones' rebranded 'Cosy Devon'. Installation of free / heavily subsidised loft / cavity wall insulation for all supported. Home energy & benefit entitlement checks carried out. Grants available to further subsidise works for low income households & over 60s as part of SHDC Private Sector Renewal Policy. Private Landlords Energy Action grants available to support landlords installing energy efficiency measures.

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Competitive Local Economy	Support Prosperity Strategy and Tourism Strategy delivery.	SHDC	DCC South Devon College FSB BT DNPA <i>Business sector</i>	Ongoing activity	Create the conditions for new and innovative businesses to develop. Ensure a prosperous and sustainable tourism sector. Specific targets can be found in strategy documents.	17 18 19 22	Joint economic development Action Plan agreed with WDBC and under review with Members' consideration of their priorities. Clear Member-driven focus on Children and Young People has led to prospective Future Jobs Fund initiative for SHDC through Groundwork Trust. The statutory Local Economic Assessment Duty upon first-tier authorities requires significant local authority input from SHDC and WDBC. Strategic issue for the rural economy is Next Generation Broadband; SHDC and WDBC engaged at regional level through Connectivity SW. Both councils responded to government consultation on deployment of Next Generation Fund.
	Ensure appropriate infrastructure provision for development in Sherford new community, towns and villages.	SHDC DNPA	DCC EA Police PCT SWW	Sept 2009	Core Infrastructure Delivery Plan.	22	Sherford outline pp granted by SHDC & PCC Jul 2009 subject to satisfactory completion of S106 (development due to commence 2010). Final SID Programme published Apr 2010 alongside Publication Stage of 5 Site Allocations DPDs (Dartmouth, Ivybridge, Kingsbridge, Totnes & Rural Areas). Out for consultation until 2 Jul 2010.
	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 are undertaking an office accommodation feasibility study of Follaton House, Totnes, for DCC staff.
	Support the Torbay and South Devon Employment and Skills Board (ESB).	South Devon College	SHDC <i>Business sector</i>	March 2011	Employers are engaged in identifying skills needs. 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 across south Devon. On-going engagement with ESB & JC+ on 'worklessness' & Productive Skills for Devon Partnership.


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Competitive Local Economy	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 6	SHDC's procurement rules promote the services of small local businesses for contracts under £75k. Contracts over £75k are advertised locally & split into lots, where appropriate, to enable local businesses to tender. Joint procurement & economic development meeting reviewed promotion of local businesses. SHDC contract procedure rules reviewed – may raise the minimum quote threshold from £3k to £5k to aid awarding work to local businesses. Report sent to committee. Training for local businesses on reducing waste from their supply chain has been promoted within South Hams. Local Schedule of Rates completed for Disability Funded Grants Level Access Showers.
	Partners to promote local buying amongst employees and service users. ♻️	All Partners	-	March 2011	The carbon footprint of partners is reduced and the local economy supported.	5 6	SHDC attendance at Procurement Partners meetings. Continuous promotion of local purchasing initiatives and engagement with business community on supply chain issues.
	Investigate the potential for local work hubs. ♻️	All Partners	-	March 2011	The carbon footprint of partners is reduced through shared accommodation.	5 22	SHDC are undertaking an office accommodation feasibility study of Follaton House, Totnes, for DCC staff.

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Community Vibrancy	Support the South Devon and Dartmoor Community Safety Partnership (CSP) 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. Specific targets can be found in delivery plan.	28 31 32 34 38	CSP Community Safety Team progressing projects in Local Delivery Plan. Progress reported quarterly to CSP meetings. Annual CSP Forum event took place on 25 Feb 2010 to showcase the work of the SDD CSP to community safety partners and members of the community. Public were asked to assist in setting the 2010/11 CSP priorities.
	Support Active South Hams (ASH) delivery plan and the outcomes from the Health and Well-being Partnership.	NHS SHDC <i>Active Devon</i>	CVS <i>Schools Youth Service Community Safety Sport South Hams Tone Leisure</i>	Ongoing activity	Improved health and reduced health inequalities. Specific targets can be found in delivery plans.	11 13 30	ASH Key successes: Devon Active Villages has received Lottery funding – c.25 South Hams villages involved; South Hams Health & Leisure Directory produced and distributed across district; Devon Playing Pitch Study completed. Health and Well-being Partnership locality priorities are healthy eating, prevention of skin cancer and rural health (poverty / isolation). Updates 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. 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. Work to provide supporting data has been commissioned and funding decisions to be determined shortly.
	Encourage participation in community based planning activities and the use of the 'Communities in Action' database.	DCC SHDC	All Partners	March 2011	Communities are able to identify and communicate issues and needs to partners.	9 16	CCD & DNPA providing community planning support to parishes within DNPA.

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Community Vibrancy	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).
	Develop outreach surgeries to be held in community locations.	SHDC	All Partners	March 2011	Communities are able to communicate issues and needs to partners.	9 16	South Hams Connect launched in Kingsbridge (Oct 2009), Ivybridge (Feb 2010) & Dartmouth (Apr 2010). Launching in Woolwell on 10 Jun 2010. Twice monthly sessions in each location. Over 2,000 enquiries since Oct 2009 launch. Future plans to improve footfall in current four locations after Woolwell launch (by changing our venues, attending more market days and local events such as local shows throughout the summer). We will eventually look at expanding the service further and discuss taking it to more rural locations.
	Deliver Skate Park competition.	SHDC	Town Councils PCT Police	Sept 2009	Partner engagement with young people is improved.	16	Street Sport Festival held in Sept 2009 (SHDC & DYS). Comprised 3 Friday evening events linked to Youth Leisure Nights held in Dartmouth, Kingsbridge & Ivybridge. Saturday final competition held in Totnes with live music & food – attended by 170+ young people.

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Quality Environment	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. 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. Specific targets can be found in delivery plan.	2	This is a plan for the whole of Dartmoor for the 5 years from 2007 to 2012. Although it is produced and monitored by the NPA, it is being delivered by a wide range of organisations and individuals. Partnership working is essential to its success. Details of how partners are contributing to its delivery can be found at: http://www.dartmoor-npa.gov.uk/laf-man_plan_newsletter_2010.pdf .
	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. 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. A priority for 2010 will be a programme of activities commemorating the 50 th anniversary of the SD AONB designation.
	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. 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. 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 now expected to be published end of 2010 (see http://www.sdadcag.org/Enter.htm for details). Typical policies include: no active intervention (i.e. no attempt to halt nature's progress) up to "hold the line" in which case LAs and people will attempt to manage the coastal change.
Support the development of new Catchment Flood Management Plans. ♻️	EA	All partners	Ongoing activity	Identify actions to manage flood risk across South Hams. Specific targets can be found in delivery plan.	3	EA has discussed CFMP with each Local Planning Authority to check awareness of CFMPs & discuss / explain actions in the Plans to manage flood risk in that area. The focus this year turns to getting the actions embedded or adopted – bear in mind, some of the actions are long-term, i.e. over 30 years in the future!
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. Specific targets can be found in delivery plan.	3 8	EA has published the 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. The SW has the highest ambition across the country. EA will be increasingly involving potential "co-delivery" partners in 2010/11 so that the action needed to get to Good Ecological Status actually happens.
Encourage partners to sign up to a Green Travel Plan. ♻️	ESH	All Partners	March 2011	Partners' carbon footprint is reduced.	5 20	Partners signposted to DCC for guidance and support in producing Green Travel Plans.
Encourage allotment / local food projects. ♻️	ESH	All Partners	March 2011	Community-owned and managed food projects.	2 5 30	DNPA planning an enabling event on local food (Spring 2010). Successful HogCO event took place on 11 May at Parke. A toolkit to support community groups wishing to pursue community growing projects is being prepared by CCD (through the HogCO project) which is due for

							publication.
	Encourage participation in South Hams Tree Scheme. 	ESH	All Partners	March 2011	Practical conservation activities that enhance bio-diversity.	5 8	On hold at present.

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Improved collaborative working	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 discussed at SHSP meeting Dec 2009.
	Monitor Compact for Devon Implementation Plan.	CVS SHDC PCT 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 given to SHSP meeting Dec 2009.
	Support the delivery of the Community Involvement Policy.	All Partners	-	Ongoing activity	Meaningful community involvement in partners' resource allocation process.	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 27	Ongoing 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: * Townstal Connecting Communities Project * Benefit Take-up Campaigns * Junior Life skills * Devon Warm Zones * Wheels to Work	5 9 14 15 16	Townstal Community Partnership presentation given to SHSP meeting 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 5	Partners encouraged to car share when attending SHSP meetings. Dartington Hall Trust has reduced its carbon emissions by 40% in 18 m.

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

DSHG - 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.