

**WHAT IS SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL PROPOSING TO DELIVER TO THE PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES OF THE DISTRICT IN 2008/09**

**We believe it is important to set out our aspirations. Whilst some of these are particularly challenging at a time of declining financial support from Central Government, we believe it is important that we set ourselves challenging targets. These are:**

***CP1 – Secure a supply of housing for local people at affordable levels***

- We will progress our new affordable housing policies enabling us to provide more affordable homes in the future;
- We will complete the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase (53 houses) of the development of Totnes Southern Area and begin the necessary work for the third and final phase of the development;
- We will work with landowners, partners and the local community to enable new affordable homes at Dartmouth, Totnes, Lee Mill, Strete and Newton Ferrers;
- We will work with landowners, local communities and partners to provide between 70 and 100 affordable homes;
- We hope to receive an acceptable planning application for the development of Sherford which will provide jobs and housing for people across the South Hams;
- We will avoid the long term use of bed and breakfast accommodation for homeless households and continue to help people across the district avoid homelessness;
- We will fund adapting at least 60 homes where a disabled person resides.

***CP2 – Create the conditions for the growth and maintenance of quality economic activity***

- We will complete at least 5 employment units at Admiral's Court and plan for developing a fourth phase;
- The employment space at the Watermark Centre, Ivybridge will be completed with a financial contribution of approximately £½ million from the Council;
- We will work with landowners to promote the regeneration of key sites such as Noss on Dart and Baltic Wharf in Totnes so as to help achieve more jobs;
- We will work to achieve employment development at Langage;
- We will work with local people in Dartmouth to enhance Dartmouth Town Centre;
- We will support tourism businesses to carry out Sustainable Tourism initiatives;
- We will encourage businesses to improve environmental performance and business profitability through the Green Tourism Business Scheme.

***CP3 – Maintain the district's distinctive environment whilst enabling access and sensitive development***

- We will start a major tree planting programme in the Langage area;
- We will bid for lottery money to improve open spaces in South Hams and also review opportunities to upgrade our key parks;
- We will carry out environmental improvements at Norton Park & Ride;
- We will, with partners, revise and renew the plan for the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, to ensure action is taken to conserve and manage this special area over the next five years;
- We will work with our partners in West Devon and Teignbridge to address climate change issues.

***CP4 – Maintain a clean environment***

- We will recycle or compost at least 50% of household waste generated in the South Hams;
- We will set up a pilot scheme to deliver a seamless street maintenance service with at least one Quality Council in the South Hams.

***CP5 – Work with others to improve access to key services***

- We will work with Tone leisure and the youth service to improve access to the leisure centres for children and young people;
- We will work in partnership with Tone Leisure to deliver 10 Play Ranger sessions in 3 parks to improve access to safe and exciting play opportunities for children and young people;
- We will work with Mansion House to provide a new Family Playbus to provide access for families with under 5s to play and extend services to reach rural communities;
- We will deliver 2 day Playschemes to 5 locations in South Hams, the recycling scrapstore, to provide access to holiday activities for children aged 8-13, with a recycling message;
- We will aim to work with Ivybridge Town Council to provide easier access to services for local people;
- We have launched a Customer First Policy and will review our procedures to best meet customer expectation.

***CP6 – Improve core service performance in a cost-effective way***

- We will deliver savings of £500,000 (of which at least £100,000 will be efficiency savings from shared services);
- We will carry out efficiency reviews of services that are important to you.

