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Meeting Theme: The provision of Affordable Housing in West Dorset

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10.25	3..	Affordable Housing provision – David Aldwinckle (Director, Magna Housing)	Presentation
10:45	4.	Local Plan review update	Verbal update
10:55	5.	Discussion on provision of affordable homes	
11:30	6.	Refreshments	
11.45	7.	Future working of WDP and LAPs - Feedback from LAP Chairs & Coordinators meeting 20 January 2017 - To agree theme of Local Government Reorganisation as theme for WDP AGM 24 April 2017	
12.00	8.	Notes of the last Meeting To confirm the notes of the last meeting held on 31 October 2016	2 - 8
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12.25	11.	Any other business	

**West Dorset Partnership
31 October 2016**

Notes of the West Dorset Partnership meeting held on 31 October 2016, at the Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service HQ, Poundbury, Dorchester.

Present:

Organisation	Name
Chairman	Paul Overall
Churches Together in Dorset	Tom Murphy
Beaminster & Villages LAP	Jayne Reaves and Joanna Keats
Bridport Local Area Partnership	Maureen Jackson and Katy Graham
Dorset Agenda 21	Mike Jones
Dorchester Community Forum	Emma Scott
Dorset Community Action	Simon Thompson
Dorset LEADER	Sarah Harbidge
LymeForward	Wendy Davies and Adrian Ragbourne
Dorset & Wilts Fire & Rescue	Jason Rogers and Steve Underhill
Magna Housing Association	David Aldwinckle
Sherborne Area Partnership	Eleanor Wilson and Simon Thompson
South West Dorset Multicultural Network	Angela Sibley
West Dorset District Council	Councillor A Alford (West Dorset District Council), Councillor Ian Gardner (West Dorset District Council), Hilary Jordan (Corporate Manager, Planning (Community & Policy Development)), Jane Nicklen (Community Planning & Development Manager), Tessa Greenaway (Partnership Development Officer), Linda Quinton (Democratic Services Officer) and Oliver Rendle (Environmental Assessment Officer).

Apologies:

Organisation	Name
Dorset Association of Parish & Town Councils (DAPTC)	Cllr A Thacker
South West Dorset Multicultural Network	Rachelle Smith
Dorset Wildlife Trust	Emily Newton

In opening the meeting, the Chairman referred to the sudden and very sad death of Dominic Knorpel who was particularly active within the Bridport area LAP. Members stood in silent tribute to his memory.

1 Notes of the Last Meeting

The notes of the meeting held on 20 June 2016 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

Food Banks

Arising from the minutes, Tom Murphy of Churches Together in Dorset spoke of his proposals to hold an open forum next February to discuss the issue of food banks nationally and in the District. The Local MP, Oliver Letwin had given an undertaking to attend the event. Mr Murphy was intending to invite local food banks and representatives from the CAB, the WDDC's Revenues and Benefits service and Dept. of Work & Pensions locally in order to stage a useful discussion on the matter. At this stage, Mr Murphy was looking for support from the Partnership to stage the event and he hoped many LAP representatives would be able to attend. S Underhill asked that 15 minutes could be set aside for a home safety check slot by the DWFRS. Members of the Partnership supported Mr Murphy's proposal, which would be taking place on Friday 10th February 2017 at South Walks House at the suggested time of 9.15am to 12.15pm.

2 Future working of the WDP and the LAPs

Members had been provided with a schedule to establish a WDP work programme and to identify priority themes. Five suggested headings for Priority Themes were:

- Decent and affordable and sustainable housing
- Economic wellbeing
- Supporting our local communities
- Safer communities
- Improved transport and access to services.

Members discussed each heading and the best means of pursuing the individual themes.

With regard to affordable housing, members discussed the difficulties in establishing suitable, available sites for development to include affordable housing. As an example, the Dorchester Prison site had failed to include a proportion of affordable housing due to the significant development costs on site. Developers were not providing the requisite 35% affordable homes on many sites and should be lobbied into doing so. Magna Housing was aware that this issue should remain as a local priority and to identify development land and ownership. The Local Plan would identify larger sites. In the meantime, Magna would continue to work with relevant organisations.

Hilary Jordan explained that the Local Plan identified development sites across the District. Local housing needs surveys would provide a snap shot of need but she advised caution against identifying specific sites. The Local Plan looked at evidence of need. There were new changes coming from central government including an

initiative to provide starter homes at a reduced price for the under 40's. She suggested asking the housing enabling team to address members once the starter homes regulations had come in, in the New Year.

Bridport LAP pointed out that the development of Vearse Farm of 700+ houses would require new infrastructure at the Miles Cross roundabout, through Hallam Land, in order to satisfy the requirements of the Highway Agency. However, the developers had argued that the significant costs of improving the Miles Cross roundabout would have a knock-on effect on the number of affordable houses on site.

It was suggested that housing priorities for each LAP should be collated so as to provide an overall picture of need and identify any cross-cutting issues which the partnership could usefully address.

The need for the Clinical Commissioning Group to be represented on the Partnership was reiterated. Officers had this in hand.

With regard to safer communities, Trading Standards had advised that over 1500 people in the area, particularly the elderly, had been scammed by fraudsters by various means. There was a need to tie in links with GPs, the Police and Trading Standards. DWFRS would prepare a short note on the matter for the next meeting. The Partnership also heard that car deaths in the area had decreased but motorcycle deaths had increased.

With regard to economic wellbeing, Sherborne Area Partnership advised that they were looking to support young employment in the town to keep them in the town and establish family links. In this regard, local businesses were working closely with the school to advertise appropriate vacancies. Sherborne LAP would prepare a note on this matter for the next meeting.

Members suggested that the Foodbanks workshop being held on 10 February could address the economic wellbeing of the less well off, to ensure there was financial support and advice through a cross-cutting approach. Lyme Forward added that Ansbury are bidding for £2.5M under the Building Better Opportunities in Dorset for 15-24 year olds strand; seeking to work with local organisations to deliver targeted activities against assessed needs.

Members heard that a new economic development strategy would be adopted shortly by West Dorset, North Dorset and Weymouth & Portland and Dorset councils. A member of the WDDC economic development team could be approached to attend a future meeting.

The Partnership also discussed their position following the forthcoming Local Government reorganisation.

Cllr Alford suggested that the Partnership's future purpose was to communicate and lobby other bodies pertaining to the area. Having speakers to attend a future meeting would be helpful. A discussion on the continuity of the LAPs, post reorganisation was also laudable, plus the continuation of applications for external funding. Members agreed that the priorities that the Partnership had discussed needed to have a meaningful, deliverable outcome.

Actions for priorities:

- Housing Enabling officer to attend a future meeting
- DWFRS to provide a note on measures to prevent scamming in the area and promote a link between GPs, Trading Standards and the Police.
- Sherborne LAP to provide a note on actions in Sherborne to assist school leavers in obtaining local employment
- Officers to invite a WDDC member of the economic development team to attend a future meeting

3 Key issues arising from the LAP reports

Beaminster & Villages Local Area Partnership (BAVLAP)

Nothing to add to circulated update.

Bridport Local Area Partnership (BLAP)

Nothing to add to circulated update.

Dorchester Community Forum

The Community Development Officer provided an update on issues within the partnership which included:

- The Forum wished to see a Town Centre Plan and a Heritage Tourism Strategy and more apprenticeships.
- The Forum was focussing on economic development, tourism and young people in the town.
- The Forum wished to see improved links between services and how they worked together.
- The Town Council was considering the establishment of a Community Land Trust – there was an area of land available for development in their ownership for up to 20 affordable units. This issue was being considered further at a meeting on 30 November.

LymeForward

Nothing to add to circulated update.

Sherborne Area Partnership (SAP)

Representatives attending provided an update on issues within the partnership which included:

- The development of a hub in Sherborne addressing economic wellbeing
- Improvements to the Gillingham to Weymouth railway line – running again after 55 years following pressure from the Blackmore Vale Partnership (with DCC input)
- Youth Portal
- Re-establishment of the Housing Forum

(No item 4. on agenda)

5 Annual Report update

A draft Annual report would be submitted to the Chairman in the near future.

7 AGM and Annual Assembly

The AGM would be held on 24 April 2017, most likely at the Youth Association to accommodate more people. There was no theme agreed for the Annual Assembly which would be held in the Autumn 2017.

8 Local Government reorganisation update

Hilary Jordan reported that the public consultation exercise on local government reorganisation in Dorset had run from the end of August to the end of October. The responses were now being processed.

There were 4 options to consider: no change or 2 unitaries, comprising 3 different variations. The matter would be considered within the Council partnership through the committee process with a final decision at the end of January 2017. All Dorset local authorities would make their individual decisions at the end of January.

If 2 unitaries were established, they would be much larger organisations which would have to decide how to liaise with their local communities and what the future roles of the LAPs would be.

Cllr Alford added that the process had comprised 3 legs: a financial summary and analysis; public consultation and a case for change, being undertaken by consultants. Central government would have to approve a reorganisation through parliamentary process and therefore certain criteria had to be met. The timetable was tight and if agreed, the 2 unitaries would be in place by April 2019. A shadow authority would come into operation in April 2018.

A number of members raised issues regarding their e-mail submissions for the consultation response. Some had failed to get through or had not been acknowledged.

9 Local Plan Review update

Hilary Jordan explained that, whilst the Local Plan was found to be “sound” and adopted last year, it was already in the process of a review and potential housing sites in Dorchester and Sherborne were being examined following the recommendation of the Local Plan Inspector and consultations with the respective town councils would be taking place. The Council was currently just below its required housing land supply.

A whole range of sites from the SHLAA study would be examined. Consultation would commence in February 2017. Reports would be presented to the Council’s Overview and Scrutiny and Policy Development committees before Christmas.

10 Local Action Group update

Members heard that all LAG funding was now guaranteed until Brexit. Grant applications would be accepted up until the end of 2018. DEFRA was talking to more than 80 LAGs in the country about the next steps. Very little uptake had been made by North Dorset and there was a push for movement in Sherborne. There was a lot of activity in south Dorset and funding for at least 6 projects should be forthcoming very shortly. £3m had been made available locally for the rural economy. Sherborne members pointed out that payments were made in arrears and for small businesses that meant taking out a bridging loan.

11 Superfast Broadband Update

The partnership received the update on Superfast Broadband in Dorset from the team at DCC.

12 West Dorset Climate Change Steering Group update

The Climate Change Strategy had now been implemented and the steering group had met on 2 occasions. At their first meeting the group discussed the issue of Brexit on climate change. European Regulations may no longer be applicable in the UK following Brexit.

At their second meeting the Group discussed recent flood events and the impact on properties. The Group would also feed into the Dorchester Community Plan and key topics would include renewable energy, local food, poverty and local wildlife. A trial and error project had been carried out in West Dorset on Communities Living Sustainably. Officers hoped to get someone from Regeneration South West to address the Partnership as they had access to funds for feasibility studies.

13 Partner Updates

Agenda 21 - Now to be known as "Sustainable Dorset".

Members received a brief background to the establishment of Agenda 21. 60 organisations were listed as sustainable in their directory and the website was in the process of being updated. Finance for worthy projects was now seriously diminished but they were committed to support green initiatives. .

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire & Rescue update:

- The Dorset & Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Authority had combined and work was continuing behind the scenes
- SW Ambulance Trust was looking to move from 60% fast cars for responses to 10% and increase ambulance responses from 40% to 90%. This would improve response services with appropriate equipment for emergencies. DWFRS was a co-respondent to calls. Members noted that SW Ambulance was under severe pressure.
- There was a recruitment problem for retained fire fighters. Weymouth was an exception as they were all full time firefighters.
- Magna Housing Association had made a commitment to build 200 homes per year for the social housing rental market. In addition, government grants had been made available enabling the provision of more shared ownership houses to be built in the future.

Dorset Community Action

DEFRA funding would continue for 3 years, as per LAGs.

Lyme Forward

The British Gas Energy Trust had funded 43 projects across the UK on how to alleviate fuel poverty. Dorchester CAB and Age UK were looking at how to switch energy providers. There was also work with Magna to install wood burners in rural areas where there was no gas. Funds were also available for hardship relief and helping with debt recovery. It could also pay for items such as boiler repairs.

14 Forward Plan

Members received and noted the Forward Plan

15 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 6 February 2017 – may be cancelled due to the Food Bank forum on 10 February.

Jayne Reaves would be leaving DCA on 9 November and Joanna Keats would be taking on the BAVLAP Coordinator role. WDP showed their appreciation with a card and, on behalf of WDP, the Chair wished Jayme all the best in her new job.

The meeting closed at 12.35pm.

Chairman

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REPORT TO THE WDP

20 February 2017

Organisation Name: Bridport Local Area Partnership

	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3
Your organisation's priority/ priorities	BLAP's role as a consultation facilitator	Coastal management and safety	Local organisation health-check
Objective/s (what are we seeking to improve?)	There are several big-impact strategic projects emerging or already underway in the BLAP area. As these projects are being lead broadly by the district and county councils, there is a role where BLAP can help to bridge the communications gap between the grass roots communities/organisations and the local authorities to enable meaningful and productive consultation.	There is a challenge to bring the various coastal organisations and interests together to gain the best for our coast and BLAP can help with this process to ensure issues that are identified are met with action.	One of the strengths of the BLAP area is its wealth of committed volunteers and organisations. However, with cuts in funding and reducing volunteer availability, some of the groups are at risk and some have already disbanded. BLAP is co-ordinating a 'health-check' of these groups.
Evidence of Need	Feedback from the partnership	Feedback from the partnership	Feedback from the partnership
Action (how will we achieve this?)	Through communication with partners and wider organisations and taking action where needed	Through communication with partners and wider organisations and taking action where needed	Through a targeted piece of work that reviews the current situation
Led by (name of person/ Organisation responsible)	BLAP	BLAP	BLAP in partnership with Dorset Community Action
Timescale (date to be completed by)	Ongoing	Ongoing	Likely to be summer 2017
Key outcomes (how will we measure success?)	Suggested target for the next 6 months: To be the conduit for	Suggested target for the next 6 months: A coastal group to be re-	Suggested target for the next 6 months: a review of existing

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	local consultation on at least 4 key local projects (including those already done?), resulting in the sharing of information and collating and submitting local feedback	formed (potentially including rep from the new Fisheries Local Action Group) to identify at least one project that can be developed to meet an agreed local need that will support, protect, enhance and/or promote the safe use and enjoyment of the coast	voluntary and community groups in the area, identifying the parts of the community that are served in different ways (elderly, youth, disabled, carers etc.) and whether any gaps in support still exist and how these could be filled.
Progress Update (what has been achieved as at the date of review, how are you progressing against your planned outcomes)	Completed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health and Wellbeing strategy • Council reorganisation consultation • Clinical Services Review Ongoing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vearse Farm Masterplanning • Neighbourhood Plan • Antisocial behaviour order New web page included on www.bridportandwestbay.co.uk	Working group meeting planned for 21/3 Exploring ideas for a CEFAS app for fishermen Shoreline Management Plan – sea defence consultation for West Bay – 3 meetings attended.	Initial meeting with Dorset Community Action to see if the work would fit within their 'Entrepreneurial Economy' work in Bridport, planned for this year. There was broad agreement that this could be a project taken on by DCA and organisation information has been shared by BLAP to begin this work.
Comments (Barriers to progress – reviewed action to overcome barriers)	None – good progress has been made	The Coastal Communities working group has not met for some time, but ideas for projects have been considered by the group chair.	None so far
RAG (red/amber/green)*	Green	Amber	Green

Any questions about this report to Katy Graham, Project Manager, 01308 456722 k.graham@bridport-tc.gov.uk

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Organisation Name: Dorchester Community Forum



	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3
Your organisation's priority/ priorities	Working to strengthen and develop the local community	Affordable local housing	Economic and cultural development
Objective/s (what are we seeking to improve?)	Create Community Plan	Support development of Community Land Trust (CLT)	Work towards creating a heritage-tourism strategy and improved marketing of Dorchester offer
Evidence of Need	Voluntary sector reports it needs additional support i.e to make best use of resources, prevent replication	Lack of affordable local housing – waiting list for accommodation. Inability of people to work and live in Dorchester	Shrinking of public sector jobs and need to diversify economy
Action (how will we achieve this?)	Complete draft plan and forward for consultation by end March.	Set up Community Land Trust steering group	Discussion and engagement of partners, identification of funds and key projects to pursue – i.e improved signage
Led by (name of person/ Organisation responsible)	Emma Scott	Dorchester Town Council West Dorset District council Hastoe Housing Wessex Community Land trust Project CLT steering group	Dorchester Town Council Dorchester Joint Heritage Committee Dorchester Heritage-Tourism Forum
Timescale (date to be completed by)	May 2017	Ongoing	Aim to have strategy by December 2018
Key outcomes (how will we measure success?)	Completed	Creation of new affordable homes	Agreed strategy signed off, various joint marketing/heritage-tourism initiatives already underway – i.e. to promote 'Dippy Comes to Town'
Progress Update (what has been achieved as at the date of review, how are you progressing against your planned outcomes)	Around 45 community meetings held and draft plan being created. Community lunch held before Christmas.	Initial public meeting held and people interested in steering group meeting in March 2017. Land identified for development.	



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Comments (Barriers to progress – reviewed action to overcome barriers)	Demands on community worker and partners time	Potential changes to housing legislation, planning requirement issues, availability of suitable funding for final schemes	Diversity and complexity of Dorchester heritage offer, lack of suitable accommodation for additional visitors, lack of funding to pay for initiatives, lack of capacity to deliver.
RAG (red/amber/green)*	Green	Green	Green

Any questions about this report to Emma Scott, Community Development Officer, Dorchester Town Council e.scott@dorchester-tc.gov.uk 01305 266861

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	<p>REPORT TO THE WDP</p> <p>February 2017</p>		
Organisation Name:	LymeForward		
	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3
Your organisation's priority/ priorities	Joined up Health Provision that meets the needs of Lyme Regis	Maximising Benefits of funding streams for Lyme Regis & area economy, in particular the Coastal Communities Fund.	Finding a source of expert management support for the community's efforts to keep provision for Young People going following the withdrawal of DCC.
Objective/s (what are we seeking to improve?)	The provision of Health services to the far West of Dorset.	Specifically, the enhancement of the visitor experience to encourage visits especially out of beach season.	Activities for young people in a rural isolated location.
Evidence of Need	The difficulties routinely experienced and reported to PPGs of accessing healthcare on the other side of Dorset (or Devon). This evidence continues to grow, despite the best intentions of local health teams, patients are not seeing an improvement in their own outcomes. In particular this relates to mental health, elderly and young people.	Reports from the Business Group and individuals that it is difficult for them to maintain their businesses out of high season.	The Hub was set up after a long and widespread community campaign as there was nothing similar in the area. Anecdotal evidence of the benefit is the statement from the local police that when the Hub opened, incidence of anti-social behaviour dropped to almost nothing and has not re-appeared.
Action (how will we achieve this?)	By engaging closely with the emerging CCG plans; by gathering evidence at joint PPG meetings and feeding through to Healthwatch and the CCG. Once plans are finalised, by developing local solutions to outstanding issues.	By continuing to work closely with Business Group and other traders and to formulate plans in readiness for next round of CC funding.	Young People at present being encouraged to raise funds themselves, advice being sought from Dorset Youth Association, and other funding streams being pursued.

	REPORT TO THE WDP February 2017		
Organisation Name:	LymeForward		
	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3
Led by	LymeForward coordinating local groups such as PPGs.	LymeForward Coastal Communities Team	Peter Jeffs, Lyme Regis Development Trust
Timescale	ongoing	ongoing	ongoing
Key outcomes (how will we measure success?)	No more horror stories resulting from people being discharged from hospital with no home support or of difficulties in accessing medical services on the far side of the County.	Successful delivery of the CCT projects resulting in positive visitor feedback and positive national publicity for Lyme & Charmouth as an out-of-season destination leading to more out-of-high season visitors.	The Hub remains able to offer open access "Youth Club" type activities on at least 2 evenings a week, with sustainable funding and professional management in place.

	REPORT TO THE WDP February 2017		
Organisation Name:	LymeForward		
	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3
Progress Update (what has been achieved as at the date of review, how are you progressing against your planned outcomes)	We have in place a joint PPG meeting across the practices plus good contacts with both Healthwatch and the CCG. (We also have contact with the NEW Devon Success Regime) but ongoing financial problems in the Health Service as a whole mean we face the prospect of more cuts rather than improvement. We held a very successful public meeting in Lyme for Dr Forbes Watson to answer questions on, and present the case for Dorset CCG in proposing changes to the Acute Health Service. The CCG involve team held a 'pop up' event in Lyme arranged by LymeForward and we have encouraged locals to complete the consultation.	Our CCT has been praised for its collaborative approach by Elizabeth Byron of the DCLG and projects so far funded are progressing. Announcements due in March for the Dorset bid which includes £250K for the Devonway upgrade, an important local enhancement project. Bids for the next round due in Summer 2017 are being prepared, including the Charmouth Seafront Enhancement project which goes for local consultation later this month and has been underwritten by Charmouth Parish Councils. The CCT are meeting to agree critical projects for Lyme Regis. Following the successful bid for FLAG funding in Dorset and east Devon (£800K) the CCT are meeting with FLAG to agree bids for the new funding in our area.	Funds have been raised to enable the Hub's open access Youth Club to open one day a week, with the former local Youth Worker and the Area Youth Worker in Charge being recruited on a self-employed basis to run the sessions. Charmouth Youth Club are in consulting with locals as to how they could remain open without DCC funding. Talks have been held with numerous agencies to try to find professional support. The Hub is now open each day offering services through 'LymeNet' to draw more traffic and reduce overheads. Work is in place to redevelop the stage area and the back room as a design and recording studio – attracting new income.
Comments (Barriers to progress – reviewed action to overcome barriers)			
RAG (red/amber/green)*	A	G	R

Any questions about this report to Adrian Ragbourne, LymeForward Coordinator on 01297 441224 or adrian@lymeforward.co.uk


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20 February 2017
Organisation Name: Sherborne Area Partnership

	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3
Your organisation's priority/ priorities	Economic wellbeing	Health and Wellbeing	Decent, affordable and sustainable housing
Objective/s (what are we seeking to improve?)	-Job opportunities for local young people in Sherborne -In conjunction with Sherborne Chamber of Commerce, assist local businesses to fill job vacancies with suitably qualified people	Help facilitate Sherborne Area Health & Social Care Forum	Maximise the quantity and type (social rent/equity share) of affordable housing being built
Evidence of Need	Informed by the Sherborne Area Action Plan developed in 2014 through surveys, public meetings and other community participation events		
Action (how will we achieve this?)	Set up Sherborne Young Peoples' Employment Portal	Health and Wellbeing Events in 2015 and 2016	Reform Sherborne Area Housing Forum so as to feed into the Neighbourhood Plan
Led by (name of person/ Organisation responsible)	SAP Gryphon School Rendezvous Sherborne Chamber of Trade and Commerce (but not funding) Sherborne Town Council Waitrose	Dorset CCG SAP Citizens Advice (CA) Healthwatch Dorset DCA Eastbury House Apples GP Practice Local Schools (State and Public)	DCA SAP Magna Housing WDDC STC
Timescale (date to be completed by)	Portal due to be live by February is unlikely (see below)	Third Series of HWB events to be held 19-24 June 2017	Initial Forum event by 31 Jan 17 Sharing and exchanging info in

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			order to inform the Neighbourhood Plan
Key outcomes (how will we measure success?)	Portal functioning to the benefit of employees and employers	Local community better informed on decisions with regard to their own H&WB	Re-start Housing Forum Engage parish councils, housing providers and tenant groups
Progress Update (what has been achieved as at the date of review, how are you progressing against your planned outcomes)	9 private businesses contacted of which 7 have given positive initial responses. £5,000 a year needed to run the Portal.	3 planning meetings held to arrange a week of activities in several locations in Sherborne. Publicity planned from March.	Housing Forum TOR produced. Running order for event agreed with WDDC Housing Enabler. Suitable venues identified
Comments (Barriers to progress – reviewed action to overcome barriers)	The reaction to the proposal is generally positive. A need to maximise the contacts/resources. Connect the Gryphon Yeovil further education college(s) and further employment opportunities. Technical elements of the Portal are challenging.	Uncertainty about outcome of CCG review. Capacity of group to deliver and achieve positive outcomes.	Awaiting a new Govt. White Paper on Housing; Community Housing Fund (Dec 2016) money has diverted LAs towards developing some rapid reactions to use the funds; WDP plan to debate Affordable Housing on 20 th Feb 2017.
RAG (red/amber/green)*	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN

Any questions about this report to name, role, phone, email

Simon Thompson , SAP Co-ordinator, 01305-216412 simon.thompson@dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk

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Organisation Name: Beaminster & Villages Local Area Partnership (BAVLAP)

	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3
Your organisation's priority/ priorities	Reducing Social Isolation	Supporting Rural Economy	Supporting Community Transport Needs
Objective/s (what are we seeking to improve?)	Helping those who live with dementia and their carers to feel like they are valued members of the community	Improving visibility of rural businesses in the Beaminster area	Maintaining and improving access to transportation services in rural areas
Evidence of Need	Informed by the BAVLAP 2015-2018 Action Plan, surveys, public meetings, and other community feedback and participation events.		
Action (how will we achieve this?)	through supporting dementia-friendly initiatives in Beaminster town and surrounding villages	through the updating of the Beaminster Area Rural Business Directory	
Led by (name of person/ Organisation responsible)	BAVLAP Chair Rosemary Beeny Yarn Barton Centre manager Mick Reed	BAVLAP Chair Rosemary Beeny & Vice-Chair Freda Hennessy	BAVLAP Vice Chair Freda Hennessy (through wider WDP support and WATAG participation)
Timescale (date to be completed by)	Ongoing	May 2017	ongoing
Key outcomes (how will we measure success?)	Qualitative/quantitative survey at start and in 12 months	Production and dissemination of booklet directory and PDF online	A decrease of cuts to transportation services and/or an increase in community transport schemes in our area
Progress Update (what has been achieved as at the date of review, how are you progressing against your planned outcomes)	Steering group has worked in partnership with local groups Movieola and Raucous Chorus to plan Dementia Friendly events in May 2017. Survey is online and in Doctors surgeries.	Partnerships with parish councils underway for information/updates, directory draft being updated. Funding bid put on hold	Community transport schemes in Thorncombe and Corscombe/Halstock have been trialled to varying degrees of success. Continued participation with WATAG.
Comments (Barriers to progress)	Survey not as successful as we had hoped so deadline for it has been extended and more groups are being contacted to raise awareness of survey	Funding bid is on hold as directory and Dementia events needed to be separated. Discussions ongoing.	N/A
RAG (red/amber/ green)*			We can't do this work alone

Any questions about this report to Rosemary Beeny r.beeny@btinternet.com or Joanna Keats joanna.keats@dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk

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