

Date: 23 July 2007

TO: All Members of the South East  
Area Committee  
FOR ATTENDANCE

TO: All Other Members of the Council  
FOR INFORMATION

Dear Sir/Madam

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the **SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE** to be held in the **CIVIC HALL, WANTAGE** on **TUESDAY, 31ST JULY, 2007** at **7.00 PM**.

Yours faithfully

Terry Stock  
Chief Executive

Members are reminded of the provisions contained in Part 2 of the Local Code of Conduct, and Standing Order 34 regarding the declaration of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.

## **AGENDA**

### **Open to the Public including the Press**

A large print version of this agenda is available. Any background papers referred to may be inspected by prior arrangement. Contact Steve Culliford, Democratic Services Officer, on telephone number (01235) 540307; e-mail: [steve.culliford@whitehorsedc.gov.uk](mailto:steve.culliford@whitehorsedc.gov.uk).

Please note that this meeting will be held in a wheelchair accessible venue. If you would like to attend and have any special access requirements, please let the Democratic Officer know beforehand and he will do his very best to meet your requirements.

### **Map and Vision**

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A map showing the location of the venue for this meeting, together with a copy the Council Vision are attached.

1. **Election of a Chair**

2. **Election of a Vice-Chair**

3. **Apologies for Absence**

To receive apologies for absence.

4. **Minutes**

To adopt and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2007, (previously circulated with the Council Summons dated 16 May 2007).

5. **Declarations of Interest**

To receive any declarations of Personal or Personal and Prejudicial Interests in respect of items on the agenda for this meeting.

In accordance with Part 2 of the Local Code of Conduct and the provisions of Standing Order 34, any Member with a personal interest must disclose the existence and nature of that interest to the meeting prior to the matter being debated. Where that personal interest is also a prejudicial interest, then the Member must withdraw from the room in which the meeting is being held and not seek improperly to influence any decision about the matter unless he/she has obtained a dispensation from the Standards Committee.

6. **Urgent Business and Chairman's Announcements**

To receive notification of any matters, which the Chairman determines, should be considered as urgent business and the special circumstances, which have made the matters urgent, and to receive any announcements from the Chairman.

7. **Statements and Petitions from the Public Under Standing Order 32**

Any statements and/or petitions from the public under Standing Order 32 will be made or presented at the meeting.

8. **Questions from the Public Under Standing Order 32**

Any questions from members of the public under Standing Order 32 will be asked at the meeting.

9. **Community Grants Criteria**

To receive a briefing on the grants criteria.

10. **Community Grants**

(Pages 6 - 18)

To receive and consider report 47/07 of the Strategic Director and Monitoring Officer.

Introduction and Report Summary

The purpose of this report is to set out the budget position at the beginning of 2007/08 for this Committee in respect of Community Grants and to invite Members to consider and determine the grant applications received.

The contact officer for this report is Lorna Edwards, Community Strategy Officer (Tel: 01235 547626), e-mail: [lorna.edwards@whitehorsedc.co.uk](mailto:lorna.edwards@whitehorsedc.co.uk)

Recommendations

- (a) *that Members note the budget position for the South East Area Committee at the beginning of the financial year*
- (b) *that Members agree in principal to the payment of the Service Level Agreement grant to the Wantage, Grove & District Twinning Association and the Hendreds Twinning Group, subject to the required monitoring information having been received*
- (c) *that Members consider and determine the grant applications, the agenda and the Council priority in respect of the following:*
  - (i) *Wantage Diving Club, £1,500, towards replacement diving equipment, Social Agenda, Town & Village Vitality priority*
  - (ii) *East Hendred Community Centre, £2,250, towards the cost of replacing window panels and fire exits, Environmental Agenda, Town & Village Vitality priority*
  - (iii) *Wantage War Memorial Committee, £1,000, towards the refurbishment of the war memorial, Environmental Agenda, Town & Village Vitality priority*
  - (iv) *Milton Community Centre, £1,500, towards updating curtains and soft furnishings, Social Agenda, Town & Village Vitality priority*
  - (iv) *The Farmoor Reservoir Pontoon Project, £7,000, towards the construction of a pontoon for sailors with disabilities, Social Agenda, Access priority*

11. **Progress Report on the Vale Partnership and the Oxfordshire Local Area Agreement**

(Pages 19 - 49)

To receive and consider report 37/07 of the Strategic Director and Monitoring Officer.

Introduction & Report Summary

Following the publication of the white paper on the future of local government ('Strong & Prosperous Communities') in the autumn of 2007 the Vale Partnership Board (which is made up of the District Council and key agencies which influence quality of life in the Vale) has commenced a review of the Vale Community Strategy 2004-2008. The Oxfordshire Partnership has also commenced a review of the Oxfordshire Community Strategy, in preparation for negotiations with central government on the priorities and

targets in the next Oxfordshire Local Area Agreement.

This report provides further information on the reviews of the Vale Community Strategy and the Oxfordshire Community Strategy and provides an opportunity for members to provide information in respect of the social issues and priorities for the West of the Vale.

The contact officer for this report is Toby Warren, Head of Community Strategy (Tel: 01235 547695; Email: [toby.warren@whitehorsedc.gov.uk](mailto:toby.warren@whitehorsedc.gov.uk)).

**Recommendations**

- (a) *Members are requested to note the information contained in this report;*
- (b) *Members are invited to comment on the strategic matrix (which is the background paper for this report) in respect of the social issues and priorities for the South East of the Vale.*

**Exempt Information Under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972**

None.



**OUR VISION AND AIMS**

Our Vision is to build and safeguard a fair, open and compassionate community

The Vale of White Horse District Council aims to:

Strengthen local democracy and public involvement through access to information, consultation, and devolution of power so that everyone can take part in our community and contribute to the decisions which affect our lives

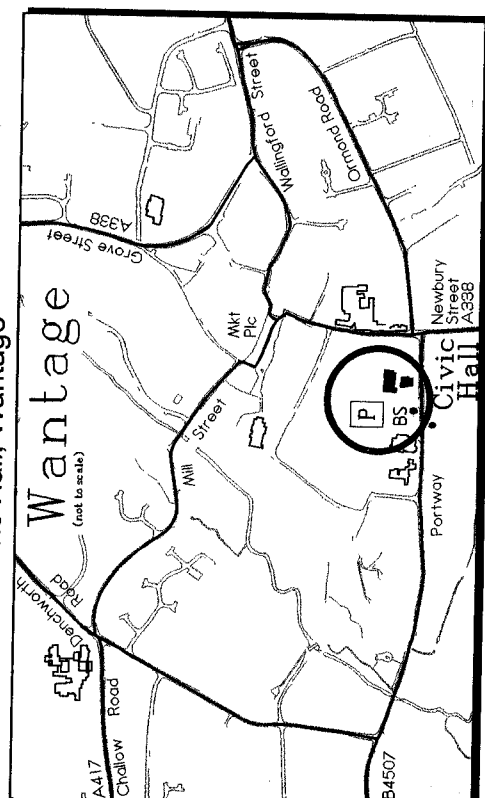
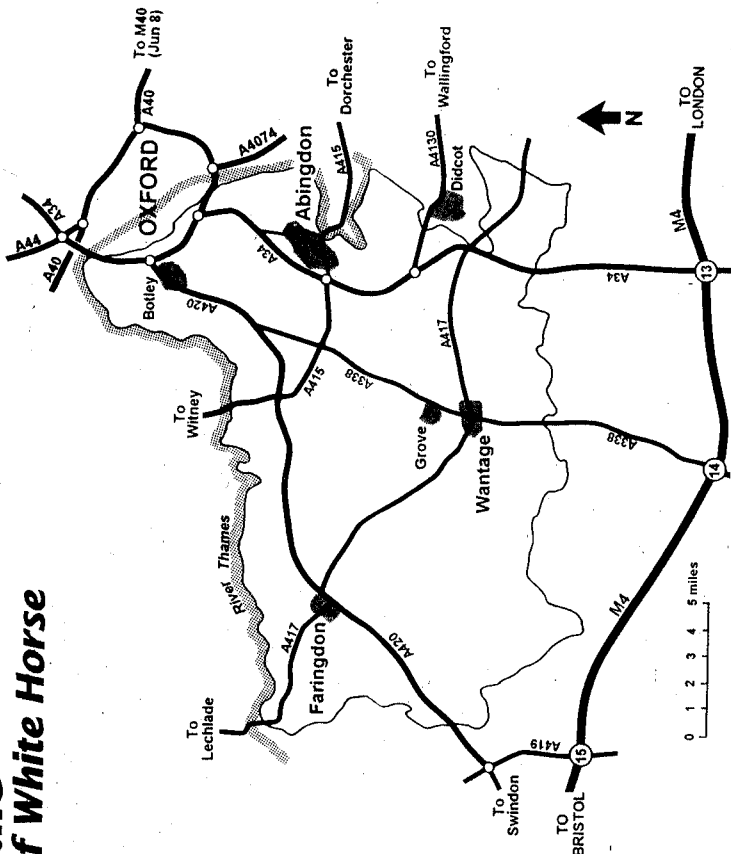
Create a safer community and improve the quality of life among Vale residents

Encourage a strong and sustainable economy which benefits all who live in, work in or visit the Vale

Help disadvantaged groups and individuals within the Vale to realise their full potential

Provide and support high quality public services which are effective, efficient and responsive to the needs of people within the Vale

Protect and improve our built and natural environment



# LOCATION MAP



**REPORT OF THE STRATEGIC DIRECTOR  
TO THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE  
31 JULY 2007**

**Community Grants**

**1.0 Introduction and Report Summary**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to set out the budget position at the beginning of 2007/08 for this Committee in respect of Community Grants and to invite Members to consider and determine the grant applications received.

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**2.0 Recommendations**

- (a) *that Members note the budget position for the South East Area Committee at the beginning of the financial year*
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**3.0 Relationship with the Council's Vision, Strategies and Policies**

This report supports the Council's Vision and Priorities and the Vale Community Strategy. It does not conflict with any Council Strategies.

**4.0 Community Grants**

**4.1 Budget**

4.2 The budget position at the beginning of 2007/08 for the South East Area Committee is as follows:

Budget b/f 2006 /07	Budget 2007/08	Total budget 2007/8	Environment al Agenda Proportion	Social Agenda Proportion	Economic Agenda Proportion	Discretionary Proportion
£2,902.88	£24,895.00	£27,797.88	£8,713.25	£8,713.25	£2,489.50	£4,979.00 + £2,902.88
	Allocated	£7,383.00	£2,383.00	£5,000.00	£0	£0
	Remaining	£20,414.88	£6,330.25	£3,713.25	£2,489.50	£7,881.88

4.3 The table shows that £7,383.00 has already been allocated. Of this a total of £2,383.00 was awarded towards additional parish cleansing at the meeting of the Committee in March. A further grant of £2,500 was awarded at that meeting towards the Wantage Summer Festival 2007. The remaining £2,500 is allocated to twinning partnership grants.

4.4 Twinning partnership grants (Service Level Agreements)

In accordance with the decision of the Executive at its meeting on 6 August 2004 (Minute Ex.83) twinning associations are partners in service provision and have signed a Service Level Agreement (SLA) to this effect. The funding for the SLA is allocated from Area Committee budgets. In the South East Area the allocation is:

**Wantage, Grove & District Twinning Association £2,000**  
**Hendreds Twinning Group £500**

4.5 The original SLAs ran from 2004-2007 and came to an end on 31 March 2007. The Executive has agreed that all SLAs should be extended for a further year. The twinning associations, in common with all SLA partners, are asked to provide specified information to enable officers to monitor that the partnership is meeting its commitments under the SLA. This information will be requested from the twinning associations.

4.6 Members are asked to agree to the payment of the SLA grant to the Wantage, Grove & District Twinning Association and the Hendreds Twinning Group in due course, subject to the required monitoring information having been received.

4.7 Members are asked to note that, after this allocation and the parish cleansing awards, the budget for 2007/08 will stand at £20,414.88.

**5.0 New grant applications**

5.1 Applications totalling £13,250 have been received from the organisations listed below.

- (i) **Wantage Diving Club, £1,500**, towards replacement diving equipment, Social Agenda, Town & Village Vitality priority

- (ii) **East Hendred Community Centre, £2,250**, towards the cost of replacing window panels and fire exits, Environmental Agenda, Town & Village Vitality priority
- (iii) **Wantage War Memorial Committee, £1,000**, towards the refurbishment of the war memorial, Environmental Agenda, Town & Village Vitality priority
- (iv) **Milton Community Centre, £1,500**, towards updating curtains and soft furnishings, Social Agenda, Town & Village Vitality priority
- (v) **The Farmoor Reservoir Pontoon Project, £7,000**, towards the construction of a pontoon for sailors with disabilities, Social Agenda, Access priority

5.2 Grant narratives for these applications are set out in Appendix A to this report.

5.3 Members are invited to consider and determine the applications.

TOBY WARREN  
HEAD OF COMMUNITY STRATEGY

TIM SADLER  
STRATEGIC DIRECTOR

Background Papers: Grant applications



**(i) Applicant: Wantage Diving Club**

**Years in existence:** 30 years

**Type of organisation:** Club

**Background**

This application was submitted to the Executive in April 2007 as it was felt that the Club, although based in Wantage, served the whole of the Vale. The Executive considered the application and resolved “that the application from the Wantage Diving Club be referred to the South East Area Committee for determination unless it is considered that the majority of club members are from outside the South East of the Vale, then the application be referred back to the Executive for further consideration in October 2007”.

At the point that the application was submitted to the Vale the item of equipment had not been purchased. However, between this time and the meeting of the Executive the club purchased the equipment because it had access to a heavily discounted one-time offer. It was the Club’s opinion that it would not be possible to purchase this equipment at such an advantageous price in the future. The Club was able to pay for the equipment at the time by “borrowing” from their small reserves which they need to repay to allow the Club to continue to offer membership which is affordable.

The following information has now been provided on the club membership at May 2007:

Wantage	7
Grove	4
Surrounding villages	4
<b>Total South East Area</b>	<b>15</b>
Other Vale areas	10
Other Oxfordshire areas	8
Other areas outside Oxfordshire	6
<b>Total Membership</b>	<b>39</b>

The table shows that within the Vale, 60% of the Club’s membership come from the South East Area and 40% from other areas of the Vale; 64% of the Club’s total membership are resident somewhere in the Vale. In view of this, the application is being presented for consideration by the South East Area Committee.

**Project, service or event details:**

Wantage Diving Club is seeking a grant to replace several items of “Try Dive” SCUBA diving equipment which will not pass their next service.

The club caters for two types of user – its members (current and new) and community groups. The club has recently started offering diving instruction for younger members (aged 16 – 18 years). It is difficult to offer membership to younger people due to safety issues.

For local community groups the club provides the opportunity to experience SCUBA diving in the controlled environment of a swimming pool. Regular local community group visitors

include scouts, guides, South & Vale Carers. In addition the club provides diving sessions as raffle prizes to local community groups to support their fundraising efforts.

The club currently has a membership of 39 and the Try Dive experience is the club's principal method of recruiting new members.

Following the closure of St Mary's School the club has been trying to find a suitable alternative swimming pool. Wantage Leisure Centre has not been able to help them to date so they have been hiring the pool at Radley School. As a result the club's costs have increased by £600 p.a.

**Supports following Vale Community Strategy strands:** Recreation, Culture and Leisure.

**Area of the Vale covered:** Takes place in Wantage, involves many local people but is open to anyone throughout the Vale as it is the only diving club in the Vale.

**Estimate of number of people the project/service/event will benefit:** Approx 160

**Charge to public for using the project/service/event?:** £135 p.a. membership fee but no charge for community groups.

**Total estimated project cost:** £2,976 excl VAT; £3,500 incl VAT, of which £1,500 is for the purchase of equipment and £2,000 is for 5 year's maintenance costs

**Balances:** £4,049 at 31/08/06

**Running costs:** £9,604 year ending 31/08/06

**Own Contribution:** £2,000

**Grant Sought:** £1,500

**Previous Awards (Vale):** £1,500 2002/03

**Parish Council Support** Is applying to Wantage Town Council

**Other Support:** None. Has consulted the treasurers of 15-20 similar dive clubs and concludes that no funding is available because clubs are not focussed enough on one geographical area or they are not involving young people/children.

Recommend support	Yes
Amount recommended	£1,500
Reasons:	The club offers local community groups the opportunity to experience something different that they may not have access to as individuals
Meets CG Scheme criteria	Yes, except that for exceptional reasons the club had purchased the equipment before the application was first considered by the Executive.
Supports Council priority(ies)	Cleaner, greener, safer, healthier community

	and environment
Supports Vale Community Strategy strand(s)	Recreation, Culture and Leisure; Health & Wellbeing
Remaining budget	£20,414.88
Remaining Committee meetings	1
Total amount recommended for other applications being considered	£13,250
Recommended conditions to grant award	
Other comments	

**(ii) Applicant: East Hendred Community Centre**

**Years in existence:** 33 Years

**Type of organisation:** Charity

**Project, service or event details:** East Hendred Community Centre is seeking a grant towards the costs of replacing the existing fire exits and window panels that date from this Hall's opening in 1974. These were constructed from softwood and single glazed panels and are now in a poor state of repair. They afford little noise or heat insulation and the security of the premises is also a cause for concern.

The project is for the supply and fitting of new aluminium, laminated glass and double-glazed entrance and fire exit doors to the rear and side of the hall.

Currently the hall needs to provide extra and costly heating in order to compensate for the poor insulation of the existing fire doors. User organisations have identified the need for improved insulation and noise reduction.

**Supports following Vale Community Strategy strands:** Town & Village Vitality, Environment

**Area of the Vale covered:** The parish of East Hendred.

**Estimate of number of people the project/service/event will benefit in the Vale:** 390

**Charge to public for using the project/service/event?:** Sliding hire scale with fees set at levels to cover the running costs.

**Total estimated project cost:** £5,666 exl. VAT; £6,658 including VAT (VAT can NOT be reclaimed by the committee).

**Balances:** £3,320.47 at 01/01/07; £18,491 in Capital Account at 31.12.06 but this is set aside towards the expected expenditure of £26,000 over next 5 years

**Own Contribution:** Balance remaining after grants

**Grant Sought:** £2,250

**Previous Awards (Vale):** £12,500 Phase 2 extension 1998/99, £3,000 overflow car park 2003/04

**Parish Council Support:** £150 awarded

**Parish Precept:** £16,000 (Band 'D' £34.03)

**Other Support: Application to** Oxfordshire County Council for £2,250 submitted, £1,150 awarded. Will try and make up the difference from Harwell and other local sources. Has submitted an application to WREN for funds towards different project (kitchen refurbishment).

**Officer recommendation (Toby Warren, Head of Community Strategy):**

Recommend support	Yes
Amount recommended	£2,250
Reasons:	Work is urgent in order to minimise noise from events and to reduce hall heating costs. Hall is used by many local groups (503 bookings in 2006).
Meets CG Scheme criteria	Yes
Supports Council priority(ies)	Cleaner, greener, safer & healthier community and environment
Supports prospectus strand(s)	Town & Village Vitality, Environment
Remaining budget	£20,414.88
Remaining Committee meetings	2
Total amount recommended for other applications being considered	£13,250
Recommended conditions to grant award	
Other comments	

**(iii) Applicant: Wantage War Memorial Committee**

**Years in existence:** 9

**Type of organisation:** Committee

**Background**

The Wantage War Memorial Committee was set up about nine years ago to refurbish the war memorial which is situated in the closed churchyard of St Peter and St Paul Church in Wantage. The district council does not own the churchyard or memorial but it is responsible for their general maintenance and upkeep. Refurbishment of the memorial is not included in this responsibility.

As a first stage of the refurbishment five brass plaques were commissioned. These were to be etched and filled with the names of the 133 residents who lost their lives serving in the First and Second World Wars and Malaya with sufficient space for those who give their lives during subsequent wars. A grant of £3,000 was received from JET towards the plaques.

The second stage of the refurbishment involved Roman stonework at the base of the memorial and the fixing of the brass plaques. The South East Area Committee awarded a grant of £3,000 towards this work in 2005/06.

Many of the residents of Wantage are relatives of the service personnel who gave their lives for their country. Other residents recognise the importance of recording and marking their sacrifice. At least five hundred people have helped in confirming the names to be included on the plaques, indicating the widespread commitment to the project.

**Project, service or event details:** The current application is for a grant for the third stage of the project to complete the refurbishment. Despite ongoing fundraising efforts the Committee has not been able to raise all the funds required.

**Supports following Vale Community Strategy strands:** Education & Lifelong Learning, Town & Village Vitality, Recreation, Culture & Leisure

**Area of the Vale covered:** Wantage

**Estimate of number of people the project/service/event will benefit:** Potentially of interest to all residents of Wantage

**Charge to public for using the project/service/event?:** None

**Total estimated project cost:** £3,724 excl VAT, £4,375.70 incl VAT

**Balances:** £1,609.09 at 22/02/07

**Own Contribution:** Balances

**Grant Sought:** £1,000

**Previous Awards (Vale):** £3,000 2005/06 towards the war memorial

**Parish Council Support:** None at this stage

**Parish Precept:** £118,000 (Band D: £30.43)

**Other Support:** Donations from private individuals and businesses in the first two stages

**Officer recommendation (Toby Warren, Head of Community Strategy):**

Recommend support	Yes
Amount recommended	£1,000
Reasons:	Project needs a small amount for completion; the Committee feels it has exhausted other sources of funding.
Meets CG Scheme criteria	Yes
Supports Council priority(ies)	Cleaner, greener, safer & healthier community and environment
Supports prospectus strand(s)	Education & Lifelong Learning, Town & Village Vitality, Recreation, Culture & Leisure

Remaining budget	£20,414.88
Remaining Committee meetings	2
Total amount recommended for other applications being considered	£13,250
Recommended conditions to grant award	
Other comments	

**(iv) Applicant: Milton Community Centre**

**Years in existence:** 15 Years

**Type of organisation:** Community Centre, now run through the Premises Committee of the Governors of Milton C of E Primary School

**Project, service or event details:** Milton Community Centre is seeking a grant towards updating the curtains and soft furnishings to make the community rooms more attractive to users following a redecoration of the premises.

The curtains and soft furnishings will enhance the enjoyment of the current users and attract more groups to use the facilities. They feel that the most environmentally-friendly and cost-effective way would be to refurbish the current furniture. This will include renewing the old foam in the cushions which may no longer be fire-retardant. The curtains will be made of an acoustic woolserge and will deaden the noise in the hall.

Milton does not have a village hall so this community centre provides a valuable resource to the village. The Community Centre has easy access and toilets for people with disabilities. Current users have already commented on how much better the facilities look since the redecoration and refurbishment of the kitchen. It is hoped that these improvements will attract more groups to use the facilities.

**Supports following Vale Community Strategy strands:** Town & Village Vitality, Environment

**Area of the Vale covered:** Milton Heights, Milton Village, Rowstock and existing users from Wantage, Abingdon and Didcot.

**Estimate of number of people the project/service/event will benefit in the Vale:** 210

**Charge to public for using the project/service/event?:** Hall hire £7.00 per hour; Community room £5.50 per hour; Hall & Community Room £10.00 per hour.

**Total estimated project cost:** £3,262 (exl. VAT) VAT can be reclaimed by the committee.

**Balances:** £2,331.87 (at 31/12/06)

**Own Contribution:** £566

**Grant Sought:** £1,500

**Previous Awards (Vale):** £5,000 awarded in 2004/05 towards the alterations to the building.

**Parish Council Support:** An application has been submitted for £100 (outcome awaited)

**Parish Precept:** £17,728 (Band 'D' £36.66)

**Other Support:** Milton C of E Primary School use the hall in the day and have committed to pay for the large curtains in the large hall, cost £1,096

**Officer recommendation (Toby Warren, Head of Community Strategy):**

Recommend support	Yes
Amount recommended	£1,500
Reasons:	Has raised more than 50% of the cost; good partnership working between school (county council, governing body and Foundation Governors of the school) and the community (represented by the district and parish councils); has adopted an environmentally-friendly approach to the refurbishment
Meets CG Scheme criteria	Yes
Supports Council priority(ies)	Cleaner, greener, safer & healthier community and environment
Supports prospectus strand(s)	Town & Village Vitality,
Remaining budget	£20,414.88
Remaining Committee meetings	2
Total amount recommended for other applications being considered	£13,250
Recommended conditions to grant award	
Other comments	

(v) **Applicant: Accessible Sailing operating as The Farmoor Reservoir Pontoon Project**

**NOTE:** An application for £10,000 from Accessible Sailing was initially submitted to the North East Area Committee in March 2007 and a grant for the full amount was awarded. The North East Area Committee recognised the project as an excellent example of partnership working, which met the Council's corporate priorities and would provide a safe facility suitable for disabled and able-bodied sailors, fishermen and birdwatchers. The members of the North East Area Committee suggested that the application be submitted to the Council's Executive meeting in April and the other Area Committees at their first meeting of the new financial year, noting that the facility would benefit residents from across the District.

The Executive considered the application for £5,000 at its meeting in April 2007 and awarded a grant of £2,500 and endorsed the suggestion for the application to be submitted to the other three Area Committees. The West Area Committee considered the application on 17 July and awarded a grant of £1,000.

**Years in existence:** 5 years

**Type of organisation:** Accessible Sailing is a registered charity.

**Project, service or event details:** Accessible Sailing is seeking a grant towards the cost of building a pontoon which has been specifically designed to meet the needs of sailors with disabilities. It has been designed as a wheelchair-friendly floating jetty that will enable disabled sailors and their helpers to access their boats easily and safely.

The pontoon will be 65 metres long and 5 metres wide with a sloping walkway and access bridge linking the shore to the main pontoon. A lift will enable access at low water. There will also be a drop-deck with two short jetties for trimaran-type boats.

Accessible Sailing, of which the pontoon project is a part, has been set up to provide or assist with the provision of sailing or sailing-related activities for people without access due to their youth, age, infirmity or disablement. The aim of the project is to improve their quality of life.

At present disabled sailing boats are launched into the water from the "beach" end of the reservoir. Volunteers lift disabled sailors into the boats and then wade thigh-high into the water, pushing the boats until afloat. The existing pontoon is made of rubber blocks, is unstable and is only accessible via a flight of steps to water level. It is totally inaccessible for anyone with the slightest disability or lack of confidence.

The three organisations currently using Farmoor Reservoir for sailing activities are Oxford Sailability (the local sailing organisation for people with disabilities); Oxford Sailing Club and Oxford & District Schools' Sailing Association (ODSSA) who help children with disabilities to learn to sail. All three organisations are united in their acknowledgement of the need for better facilities for disabled and disadvantaged users and they are all working in partnership to raise funds for the pontoon.

All the necessary permissions and approvals of the installation design have been obtained.

The project has been split into stages and it is hoped to raise £120,000 plus £21,000 VAT by Autumn 2007 in order to be able to start the project with the construction of the first two phases of the pontoon. The sum raised so far is approximately £99,500. *In view of the positive feedback from the North East Area Committee and the Executive, the project organisers have submitted an application for £7,000 to each of the West, South East and Abingdon Area Committees to cover the shortfall which would leave them with the VAT of £21,000 to fundraise from other sources.*

**Supports following Vale Community Strategy strands:** Recreation, Culture & Leisure, Health & Wellbeing, Environment, Education & Lifelong Learning, Access to services

**Area of the Vale covered:** Based in the North East Area but available to residents throughout the Vale

**Estimate of number of people the project/service/event will benefit:** Nearly 300 disabled sailors and helpers plus an estimated 3000 children, novice sailors, bidwatchers and flyfishermen.

**Charge to public for using the project/service/event?:** None



**Total estimated project cost:**£200,000 excl VAT; £235,000 incl VAT  
(VAT cannot be reclaimed)

**Own Contribution:** £15,000 from own fundraising activities including the sale of planks for the pontoon and guided tours of Oxford by pontoon committee member

**Grant Sought:** £7,000 (see narrative above)

**Previous Awards (Vale):** None

**Parish Council Support:** Have written to all parish councils in the district and followed up with a telephone call; to date grants have been awarded by Cumnor Parish Council (£10,000), Kennington P.C. (£200), Fyfield and Tubney P.C. (£200), North Hinksey P.C. (£200), Drayton P.C. (£150), Appleton with Eaton P.C.(£100), Longworth P.C. (£25).

**Other Support:** Since the launch of the project in 2002 Thames Water has provided £100,000 in funding and in-kind donations.

Additional support, totalling £99,475, has come from a variety of sources:

Businesses:	£42,000
Employees' activities, supported by business:	£7,000
Private donations:	£7,500
Sale of commemorative 'planks':	£8,600
Raffles and sales of small items:	£2,000
Talks to individual groups:	£1,000
Fundraising from other sporting activities:	£3,000
Other fundraising:	£3,500
Cumnor Stores Book Stall:	£500
Open Weekend, including Trysailing	£1000
Parish and District Council donations	£23,375

Other sources of funding explored:

Peter Harrison Foundation – awaiting outcome  
Sport England/Lottery – application in progress  
South Oxfordshire District Council – application in progress  
Oxfordshire County Council – application in progress  
West Oxfordshire District Council – Application in progress  
Oxford City Council – Application in progress  
The Money Pot Grant, Fox FM - declined  
The Oxford Times Gannett Foundation – Declined  
WREN landfill scheme – Declined  
TOE landfill scheme – application in progress

**Officer recommendation (Toby Warren, Head of Community Strategy):**

Recommend support	Yes
Amount recommended	£7,000
Reasons:	Important project with significant benefit to people with disabilities; project has received widespread financial support including from Vale's N E Area Committee, Executive and West Area Committee.
Meets CG Scheme criteria	Yes
Supports Council priority(ies)	Cleaner, greener, safer & healthier community and environment
Supports prospectus strand(s)	Recreation, Culture & Leisure, Town & Village Vitality, Education & Lifelong Learning, Health & Wellbeing, Access to services
Remaining budget	£20,414.88
Remaining Committee meetings	2
Total amount recommended for other applications being considered	£13,250
Recommended conditions to grant award	
Other comments	Thames Water, a member of the Vale Partnership Board, is very supportive of this project as witnessed by the significant level of funding and in-kind support provided.

**REPORT OF THE STRATEGIC DIRECTOR & MONITORING OFFICER**  
**TO THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE**  
**31 JULY 2007**

**Progress Report on the Vale Partnership and the Oxfordshire Local Area Agreement**

**1.0 Introduction & Report Summary**

- 1.1 Following the publication of the white paper on the future of local government ('Strong & Prosperous Communities') in the autumn of 2007 the Vale Partnership Board (which is made up of the District Council and key agencies which influence quality of life in the Vale) has commenced a review of the Vale Community Strategy 2004-2008. The Oxfordshire Partnership has also commenced a review of the Oxfordshire Community Strategy, in preparation for negotiations with central government on the priorities and targets in the next Oxfordshire Local Area Agreement.
- 1.2 This report provides further information on the reviews of the Vale Community Strategy and the Oxfordshire Community Strategy and provides an opportunity for members to provide information in respect of the social issues and priorities for the South East of the Vale.
- 1.3 The contact officer for this report is Toby Warren, Head of Community Strategy (Tel: 01235 547695; Email toby.warren@whitehorsedc.gov.uk).

**2.0 Recommendations**

- 2.1 *Members are requested to note the information contained in this report;*
- 2.2 *Members are invited to comment on the strategic matrix (which is the background paper for this report) in respect of the social issues and priorities for the South East of the Vale.*

**3.0 Relationship with the Council's Vision, Strategies and Policies**

- 3.1 This report supports the Council's Vision and Priorities. It also supports the Vale Community Strategy. It does not conflict with any Council strategy or any Council policy.

**4.0 The White Paper on the Future of Local Government**

- 4.1 Central government states the aim of the white paper is to 'give local people and local communities more influence and power to improve their lives.' In the white paper central government re-affirms the importance of local strategic partnerships (such as the Vale Partnership) in helping to influence quality of life for local residents.
- 4.2 The white paper emphasises the need for all local strategic partnerships to have a community strategy which is sustainable. A district level sustainable community strategy is expected to have the following features:
- Highest level strategic plan for an area

- Emphasis on place shaping at the strategic and local level
- Sets out vision, priorities, actions
- Partnership not a council plan
- Duty to include the Local Development Framework (spatial planning)
- County to take full account of district strategy
- Strategic plans of other major partners should have regard to strategy
- Emphasis on community consultation and the use of evidence and data

4.3 The Local Area Agreement (LAA) is an agreement between central government and the key agencies that influence quality of life in Oxfordshire. The District Council is represented on the Public Service Board which steers the Agreement. Oxfordshire County Council is the lead partner. Following the white paper the next Oxfordshire Local Area Agreement, which is scheduled to start in June 2008, will be central government's main tool for improving service delivery in Oxfordshire.

4.4 The Oxfordshire Local Area Agreement will be made up of thirty five negotiated improvement targets plus eighteen statutory education improvement targets. It is intended that the thirty five negotiated improvement targets should reflect the priorities of Oxfordshire.

4.5 Negotiations on with central government on the content of the next Oxfordshire Local Area Agreement are scheduled to start in December 2007. Therefore the Public Service Board is planning to reach local agreement on the priorities of Oxfordshire by November 2007.

## **5.0 Review of the Vale Community Strategy**

5.1 The Vale Partnership Board wants the review of the Vale Community Strategy to identify the priorities which need to be fed in the negotiations on the improvement targets for the Local Area Agreement. However it does not want to rush the review as it wants residents of the Vale to be fully involved in the review. Therefore the Board intends that the Public Service Board is kept informed of the issues and priorities as the review develops. This information can then be fed into the negotiations on the next Local Area Agreement.

5.2 At its meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2007 the Board received a presentation from the Deputy Director of Planning and Community Strategy about the close relationship between the sustainable community strategy and the core strategy of the local development framework (LDF). The revised strategy and the LDF will identify common issues for now and the future but the response to the issues will differ because the community strategy concentrates on 'social' interventions whilst the LDF concentrates on 'physical' interventions.

5.3 Because of the linkages the District Council intends that it will combine the public consultation about the draft sustainable community strategy with the consultation about the vision, issues and options of the draft core strategy. This joint consultation is likely to take place in the early autumn.

5.4 The issues and priorities set out in a community strategy should inform and direct services in the future. There are many issues but limited resources so it is very important to not only to agree what are the priorities are but to also understand why they are the priorities. At the Board meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2007 individual Board members confirmed their service priorities and identified how these service priorities

address the key issues that are faced by residents of the Vale. Evidence for the choice of service priorities is being identified but the choices will also be tested through public consultation.

5.5 A matrix has been designed so it can include all the common issues that will affect the Vale now and in the future and indicate how key partners will response to the issues using both 'social' interventions and 'physical' interventions.

5.6 The matrix has been divided into four main themes with the intention that these will be common to the revised community strategy and the core strategy of the Local Development Framework:

- Planning for sustainable high quality development
- Planning for the needs of local people – the social dimension
- Planning for business and enterprise - the economic dimension
- Safeguarding and enhancing our environment

5.7 The matrix headings represent key components for the document which will describe the revised strategy to residents of the Vale:

- An analysis of the Vale now and in the future draws out the key issues or drivers of change.
- There are number of priorities that are important in dealing with the key issues.
- Evidence demonstrates why these priorities are important and why they should be the focus for resources.
- Evidence can also be used to measure progress, so we know where we are now (not just in absolute terms but also in comparison to others), where do we want to be and how well we are progressing towards our goal. It is important that the Partnership Board receives performance information for all the priorities so that it can see the 'big picture' and adjust the overall strategy if performance data suggests that some priorities are not dealing effectively with the key issues.
- A lead partner needs to co-ordinate partnership working, strategies, plans and actions. For many priorities the structure, processes and plans are already in place and do not need to be re-created. A good example is the Vale Community Safety Partnership and the Vale Community Safety Strategy
- Most priorities will be important for everywhere in the Vale but some maybe be location specific (NB It is recognised that service delivery will differ across the Vale in order to meet the specific needs of communities of place and communities of interest.).
- There are also other ideas for action that may develop over time as priorities evolve or change.

5.8 The most recent draft of the strategic matrix is included as a background paper to this report. Board members have been asked to provide detailed comment on the matrix, provide further information and in particular identify gaps in the draft matrix.

## **6.0 Review of Partnership Board Membership**

6.1 The Vale Partnership Board is conscious that it needs all key agencies to be represented if the review of the Vale Community Strategy if the review is going to result in a sustainable community strategy which contributes to an improvement in quality of life for residents in the Vale.

6.2 At its meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2007 the Board reviewed its membership. The current membership is:

- Vale of White Horse District Council
- Abingdon and Witney College
- Thames Valley Police
- Environment Agency
- Learning and Skills Council
- Government Office for the South East
- Age Concern Oxfordshire
- Oxfordshire Primary Care Trust
- Oxfordshire County Council
- Thames Water
- Vale Housing Association
- Diocese of Oxford
- Oxfordshire Secondary Schools' Head Teachers' Association

The following organisations have indicated that they no longer wish to be Board members:

- Business Link
- Oxfordshire Primary Head Teachers' Association

6.3 The Board agreed that it should remain compact to ensure that all members feel involved. Therefore it was agreed that the Partnership Board should consist of about fifteen members and the following should be invited to join the Board:

- A representative of the Harwell Science and Innovation Campus or MEPC Milton Park
- A representative of the Oxfordshire Economic Partnership
- A representative of a Vale town or parish council (nominated by the Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils)

## **7.0 Review of the Oxfordshire Community Strategy**

7.1 Oxfordshire County Council is leading a project group (which includes the District Council) to set out a vision for Oxfordshire and to recommend local strategic priorities. Priorities will be arrived at through the analysis of data and consultation. The resulting strategy will be a partnership plan not a council plan. It will draw on evidence and data, regional, sub-regional and county plans and strategies (including the Regional Economic Strategy, Oxfordshire Children & Young People's Strategic Plan, Oxfordshire Public Health report and the Oxfordshire Rural Framework).

7.2 It is intended that the review of the Oxfordshire Community Strategy should be completed by December 2007 in readiness for the commencement of negotiations on the content of the new Oxfordshire Local Area Agreement.

## **8.0 Conclusion**

8.1 The review of the Vale Community Strategy will ensure that the Vale's priorities are reflected in the next Oxfordshire Local Area Agreement and as the review of the Vale's strategy is taking place at the same time as the review of Oxfordshire's strategy the

linkages between the two will become clearer and any risk of duplication will be minimised.

- 8.2 The revised community strategy will also show how the District Council is providing community benefit through co-ordination of the work of key agencies and the bringing together of 'social' interventions and 'physical' interventions.
- 8.3 The Board recognises the important role that elected members have in the review process. The Leader of the Council is the Council's representative on the Vale Partnership Board and elected members will receive further reports on the progress of the review prior to the period of public consultation.

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Background Papers:

Most recent draft of the matrix for the review of the Vale Community Strategy

**Theme: Planning for sustainable high quality development**

Key issue/driver of change	Priority for addressing issue	Evidence to verify priority & measure success	Board Partner(s)	Relevant strategies & plans	Existing & proposed actions	Location	Ideas for Other Actions
Accommodating new development as set out in the South East Plan and in accordance with government guidance	Promote sustainable and inclusive patterns of urban and rural development which enables: - social progress for everyone - high and stable levels of economic growth - the protection of the environment - prudent use of natural resources. It will involve identifying sustainable locations for development and ensuring the provision of	South East Plan and government policy	<b>VWHDC</b> and all partners	LDF	Preparation of the LDF	Vale wide with references to specific places Major growth at Didcot and Grove already planned and further growth at Didcot, Grove and Wantage proposed in the draft South East Plan	Close working with the Vale other stakeholders to ensure priorities are matched and objectives delivered.
		PPS1	<b>VWHDC</b>	LDF	Proposed Design Guide		

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				SPD	Vale wide	
infrastructure and services to support future residents.						
Promote good design						

**Theme: Planning for the needs of local people – the social dimension**

Key issue/driver of change	Priority for addressing issue	Evidence to verify priority & measure success	Board Partner(s)	Relevant strategies & plans	Existing & proposed actions	Location	Ideas for Other Actions
Health and wellbeing	Break the cycle of deprivation for some families and children	QoL; % of children that live in families that are income deprived	<b>PCT</b> VWHDC OCC	Oxon Public Health Strategy	VWHDC to agree & implement Health Improvement Plan for Vale with PCT (VWHDC Corporate Plan)	Vale wide	Identifying & tackling causes of multiple deprivation in the Caldecott ward of Abingdon & Faringdon & Wantage
	Tackle lifestyle health and wellbeing issues; particularly obesity	DPH Annual Report Active People survey	<b>PCT</b> VWHDC VSS	Oxon Public Health Strategy VWHDC Sports Development Strategy	VWHDC to agree & implement Health Improvement Plan for Vale with PCT (VWHDC Corporate Plan) LAA; increase participation in physical activity	Vale wide	Encourage access to natural environment as it can have positive affect on physical & mental wellbeing Encourage 'Healthy Schools' Encourage school green travel plans
	Control infectious diseases; e.g.	DPH Annual Report	<b>PCT</b> VWHDC	Oxon Public Health Strategy	VWHDC to agree & implement	Vale wide	Consider climate change related disease

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	flu, TB, MRSA, HIV and food borne disease				Health Improvement Plan for Vale with PCT (VWHDC Corporate Plan)		trends
	Improve mental health	?	PCT AC VWHDC		VWHDC to agree & implement Health Improvement Plan for Vale with PCT (VWHDC Corporate Plan)	Vale wide	Encourage access to natural environment as it can have positive affect on physical & mental wellbeing

Key issue/driver of change	Priority for addressing issue	Evidence to verify priority & measure success	Board Partner(s)	Relevant strategies & plans	Existing & proposed actions	Location	Ideas for Other Actions
Population change - catering for an increasingly ageing population	Prevent ill health in an ageing population	DPH Annual Report	PCT AC VWHDC OCC	Oxon Public Health Strategy	VWHDC to agree & implement Health Improvement Plan for Vale with PCT (VWHDC	Vale wide	

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					Corporate Plan)		
	Reduce falls among older people	LAA	<b>PCT</b> AC	Oxon LAA HCOP	Falls reduction project. Oxon wide 50 care home involved in the project, falls registers for each resident, reduction of 20% in falls	Vale wide	
	Reduce the sense of isolation amongst older people	?	<b>AC</b> VHA VWHDC OCC TVP	LTP SEEDA Access to Services Programme	Establishing 'active ageing centres' Dial-a-ride & community transport	Vale wide	Provide a range of housing suitable for the elderly (by type, location and tenure) Open up school facilities
Population change – likely increase in people from overseas taking up jobs in the Vale.	Integrate people from different backgrounds into our community	Home Office data	<b>VWHDC</b> VHA OCC VSS AWC TVP DO		Making sure everyone is able to access public services they can benefit from. Achieve level 3 of the Equality Standard for Local Govt. &	Vale wide	Encourage Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) training

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Key issue/driver of change	Priority for addressing issue	Evidence to verify priority & measure success	Board Partner(s)	Relevant strategies & plans	Existing & proposed actions	Location	Ideas for Other Actions
Housing - the need for decent and affordable housing	Provide more affordable housing	QoL Housing Market Assessment & waiting lists	VWHDC VHA	LDF VWHDC Housing Strategy	400 more affordable homes by 2011, at least 300 socially rented housing (VWHDC Corporate Plan)  Identifying rural exception sites	Vale wide	
	Reduce the number of residents living in 'non-decent' homes	QoL; Household accommodation without central heating	VWHDC VHA	LDF VWHDC Housing Strategy	Top quartile Homes of 300 vulnerable people improved by 2010 (VWHDC Corporate Plan)	Vale wide	
	Provide local residents in housing need with good quality advice and support	?	VWHDC VHA	VWHDC Housing Strategy	Use advice and assistance to prevent 1000 households from becoming	Vale wide	Offer advice through schools

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Safe communities - living without fear of crime or persecution	Reduce the fear of crime	QoL ; % of residents surveyed who say that they feel fairly safe or very safe outside during the day % of residents surveyed who say that they feel fairly safe or very safe outside after dark	<b>TVP</b> VWHDC OCC	Vale Community Safety Strategy LDF	Updating CCTV cameras in Abingdon and Wantage town centres (VWHDC Corporate Plan)	Vale wide	
	Manage down criminal damage and envirocrimes	QoL; % residents who think that vandalism, graffiti and other deliberate damage to property or vehicles is a very big or fairly big problem in their local area; Vale Voice 5 survey (2006) showed Envirocrimes of major concern <b>?</b>	<b>TVP</b> VWHDC OCC	Vale Community Safety Strategy Vale Local Environmental Quality Enforcement Strategy		Vale wide	a.New Environment Wardens to work with NAGs and PCSOs to target Envirocrimes; b. joint public awareness campaign on envirocrimes
	Introduce and develop	<b>?</b>	<b>TVP</b> VWHDC	Vale Community		Vale wide	As a. above

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	neighbourhood policing		OCC	Safety Strategy			
	Tackle domestic violence	?	TVP VWHDC OCC	Vale Community Safety Strategy		Vale wide	

Key issue/driver of change	Priority for addressing issue	Evidence to verify priority & measure success	Board Partner(s)	Relevant strategies & plans	Existing & proposed actions	Location	Ideas for Other Actions
Young people becoming socially isolated	Increase effective participation by younger people	?	VWHDC VHA OCC VSS AWC TVP	VWHDC Youth Strategy		Vale wide	Encourage citizenship activities in local schools, increase after school & holiday activities, youth clubs for disabled pupils
Providing services that are accessible to everyone	Improve public leisure, recreation and culture facilities	VWHDC Leisure Audit	VWHDC	LDF VWHDC Play, Sports, Arts Strategies	Optimise planning contributions for leisure, culture & recreation (VWHDC Corporate Plan)	Vale wide	
	Provide more varied points of access to public service	?	VWHDC OCC TVP AWC		Extend mobile working, to take our services to those people who would otherwise find it difficult to access them (VWHDC Corporate Plan)	Vale wide	Consider role of the Vale's five main settlements as service centres. Consider role of schools as service points
	Improve community	?	VSS OCC	Extended school		Vale wide	School hire details on

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	access to school facilities & school involvement in community			plans			website & in brochure



**Theme: Planning for business and enterprise - the economic dimension (bold text underlined signifies comparative underperformance)**

Key issue/driver of change	Priority for addressing issue	Evidence to verify priority & measure success	Board Partner(s)	Relevant strategies & plans	Existing & proposed actions	Location	Ideas for Other Actions
Continuing globalisation in the world economy resulting in new challenges for the national and local economies	Encourage a strong, diverse and sustainable economy	RES	VWHDC OCC	RES SE Plan LDF OEDS	Provide a flexible and sustainable planning framework in the LDF  Exploit the potential of the Central Oxfordshire diamond for growth and investment  Exploit the potential of the Quadrant – particularly Milton Park and Harwell SIC	Vale wide with specific locational policies  The part of the Vale in the Central Oxfordshire sub-region  South-east part of the Vale  Rural areas	Work with businesses to reduce environmental footprint and reduce costs  Oxfordshire Joint Regulation Project; Health & Safety at Work programme; Safer Food Better Business programme

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Labour and skills shortages	Improve educational attainment	QoL; % of 15 yr olds in local authority schools achieving 5 or more GCSEs at Grade A* -C or equivalent	<b>OCC</b> <b>VSS</b>	Oxon Children & Young Peoples' Plan		Vale wide	Link parenting skills to basic skills. Work with Childrens Centres on basic skills
	Understand the skills needs in the key sectors in the Vale's economy & plan training for future skills needs	?	<b>LSC</b> <b>AWC</b>			Vale wide	
	Work in partnership to improve employer engagement	?	<b>AWC</b> <b>LSC</b>			Vale wide	
	Increase numbers with basic skills	ONS annual population survey	<b>LSC</b> <b>AWC</b>			Vale wide	

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	Provide public transport and facilities for cycling and walking from home to education and work	?	OCC VWHD C VHA AWC	LTP LDF	Vale wide	
	Locating development so people have good access to jobs		VWHD C OCC	SE Plan LDF RES locate development to reduce need to travel long distances by car	Vale wide	

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Congested transport systems that impact on economic prosperity	Lack of rail provision	Only two local rail stations in the Vale	VWHD OCC	LTP LDF	Continue to press for the re-opening of local rail stations – Grove and Kennington and safeguard land	Grove Kennington	
			VWHD OCC	LTP Didcot Growth Bid	Improve	Didcot	

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					LDF	access to Didcot station		
	Congestion on A34	RES SE Plan LTP	VWHDC OCC	LPT LDF	Complete the Southern Central Oxfordshire Transport Study. Incorporate a strategy into the LDF and LTP	Wantage/Grove to Didcot transport corridor		
Increasing centralisation of service delivery and use of ICT impacting on the role of market towns and villages	Maintaining the economic viability of towns and villages	?	VWHDC OCC	LDF RES SEEDA Access to Services Programme	Encourage parish plans and market town health checks (VWHDC Corporate Plan)	Vale wide		Encourage local food initiative

**Theme: Safeguarding and enhancing our environment**

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Contribute to reducing the causes of climate change	Reduce the need for people to travel by car	QoL; local estimates of CO2 emissions (kt CO2)	VWHDC OCC	LDF LTP Introduce Climate Change Strategy to reduce harmful emissions and the impact on the Vale (VWHDC Corporate Plan)	Locating development so people have good access to jobs and services  Prioritise and support public transport  Improve the footpath and cycle network	Vale wide	
	Reduce the consumption of non renewable energy	QoL; Average annual domestic consumption of gas & electricity in kWh	VWHDC	Introduce Climate Change Strategy to reduce harmful emissions and the impact on the Vale (VWHDC Corporate Plan)	Ensuring new development minimises fuel consumption	Vale wide	The new waste collection contract in 2010 will focus on reducing route miles, fuel efficiency /dual fuel vehicles.
	Work with the		VWHDC	Introduce		Vale wide	Encourage

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Key issue/driver of change	Priority for addressing issue	Evidence to verify priority & measure success	Board Partner(s)	Relevant strategies & plans	Existing & proposed actions	Location	Ideas for Other Actions
	community to tackle climate change			Climate Change Strategy to reduce harmful emissions and the impact on the Vale (VWHDC Corporate Plan)			'eco-schools'

Key issue/driver of change	Priority for addressing issue	Evidence to verify priority & measure success	Board Partner(s)	Relevant strategies & plans	Existing & proposed actions	Location	Ideas for Other Actions
Addressing the consequences of climate change	Address predicted imbalance between supply and demand for water	QoL; daily domestic water use (per capita consumption, litres)	TW VWHDC	Introduce Climate Change Strategy to reduce harmful emissions and the impact on the Vale	Ensuring new development minimise water consumption	Vale wide	
	Address issues raised by increased flooding	?	EA TW VWHDC	LDF	Undertake a SFRA of the whole district and locate development where not likely to be affected by flooding	Vale wide	Where flooding is likely to affect existing urban areas consider remedial action and design of new buildings (if any) Ensure residents at risk are prepared
	Address issues raised by natural habitat change	?	EA VWHDC	Oxon Biodiversity Action Plan	Identify & protect habitats most at risk	Vale wide	

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Key issue/driver of change	Priority for addressing issue	Evidence to verify priority & measure success	Board Partner(s)	Relevant strategies & plans	Existing & proposed actions	Location	Ideas for Other Actions
Prudent use of natural resources	Resist unnecessary loss of land to development, especially best and most versatile farmland and that containing commercial mineral reserves	One of the four key themes of sustainable development set out in PPS1	VWHDC OCC	SE Plan LDF	Maximise use of brownfield sites & density of development in urban areas	Vale wide	
	Increase amount of waste reused, recycled or composted	QoL; kg of household waste collected per head % of household waste recycled % of household waste composted	VWHDC OCC EA	Oxfordshire Joint Municipal Waste Strategy and VWHDC Waste Action Plan	Increase biodegradable waste recycled, to 31% by April 2009 Encourage home composting Provide a 3 <sup>rd</sup> brown bin waste composting round, Divert all green sack garden waste to compost facilities	Vale wide	

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Pressures on the natural, built and historic environment	Protect the distinctive character of the Vale's towns and villages, especially those with conservation areas	Protecting environment; one of the four key themes of sustainable development set out in PPS1	VWHDC	LDF		Vale wide	
	Preserve and enhance listed buildings and their settings, archaeological sites and historic parks and gardens		VWHDC	LDF		Vale wide	
	Protect and enhance cherished landscapes		EA TW VWHDC	LDF Oxon Biodiversity Action Plan		Vale wide	
	Protect and enhance important wildlife habitats and biodiversity		EA			Vale wide	
	Protect and enhance water quality		EA VWHDC			Vale wide	
	Protect and enhance air quality	QoL; % of land and		VWHDC Waste	Joint improvement plan with contractor	Vale wide	

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	<p>Improve the cleanliness of the Vale</p>	<p>highways assessed as having combined deposits of litter and detritus.</p>		<p>Action Plan</p>	<p>More robust enforcement action to tackle “enviro-crimes”</p>	<p>Vale wide</p>	
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## Glossary & Abbreviations

QoL: Quality of Life Indicators	
Partner(s): Lead partner in bold	
LDF: Vale Local Development Framework	
SE Plan: South East England Regional Spatial Strategy	
PPS 1: Planning Policy Statement 1 ; Delivery of sustainable development	
SPD: Supplementary Planning Document	
NAG: Thames Valley Police Neighbourhood Action Group	
PCSO: Police Community Support Officer	
SFRA: Strategic Flood Risk Assessment	
RES: South East England Regional Economic Strategy	
LTP: Oxfordshire Local Transport Plan	
Oxon LAA HCOP: Oxfordshire Local Area Agreement, Healthier Communities & Older Peoples' Programme	
DPH: Oxfordshire Director of Public Health	
HSIC: Harwell Science and Innovation Campus	
Quadrant: Quadrant of proposed economic and housing growth in Oxfordshire, focusing on Harwell Science and Innovation Campus, Milton Park, Grove and Didcot	
Didcot Growth Point: Government formally recognizes Didcot as a location which can provide new homes and jobs	
VWHDC: Vale of White Horse District Council	
EA: Environment Agency	
PCT: Oxfordshire Primary Care Trust	
AC: Age Concern	
TVP: Thames Valley Police	
OCC: Oxfordshire County Council	
VHA: Vale Housing Association	
LSC: Learning & Skills Council	
AWC: Abingdon & Witney College	
TW: Thames Water	
VSS: Vale Secondary Schools	
DO: Diocese of Oxfordshire	

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SEEDA: South East England Development Agency

OEP: Oxfordshire Economic Partnership

OEDS: Oxfordshire Economic Development Strategy

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