

Somerset services - devolution opportunities

Theme	<p style="text-align: center;">Services & Assets</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Risks & Opportunities</p>
Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community transport • Bus services/funding • Bus shelter cleaning and maintenance • Opportunity: Joint working on community and volunteer transport schemes; local contractor or volunteer work on bus shelters
Highways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Street Cleaning covered in Street Scene but can include highway channels and litter removal from verges. • Winter Service - filling grit bins/dumpy bags • Roadside verges maintenance including grass cutting • Vegetation clearance and cutting on the Rights of Way network • Drain jetting/Gully cleansing – both ordering works from TMC Contractor and local self-delivery • Ditches and grips clearance • Hedge trimming • Non-illuminated sign cleaning and maintenance • Signage for new or changed speed limits • Weed treatment • Minor Highways functions such as footway and footpath repairs, • Planned path safety inspections • Opportunities: Parish Highway Steward Model (based on one per LCN area); P/T/C Council funding of most local highway services in accordance with community preferences eg on grass cutting regularity • Low tech preventative maintenance functions
Waste services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding for household waste recycling sites • Opportunity: Funding to support existing opening hours at current sites
Schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School crossing patrols • Opportunity: Funding to schools/Somerset Council to support ongoing or new patrols

Public toilets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public toilets, provision and opening hours • Opportunities: Asset transfers to Parish/Town/City Councils; contributions to cleaning costs / opening hours through Somerset Council contracts
Street Scene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fly tipping • Street cleaning • Provision and collection of litter bins and dog waste bins • Carnival clean-up • Bedding planting • Management of allotments • Memorial maintenance • Opportunities: Asset transfers to P/T/C Councils; P/T/C Councils to take on more responsibility either through own provision of service or through contribution to Somerset Council service costs
Open Spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management and maintenance of open spaces assets - including both green spaces as well as “hard” open spaces • Grass cutting and open space maintenance, closed churchyards • Local parks • Opportunities: Asset transfers to P/T/C Councils; P/T/C Councils to take on more responsibility either through own provision of service or through contribution to Somerset Council service costs • Maintenance of play areas • Installation and maintenance of play equipment • Maintenance of sports grounds
Economic Development /Tourism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local tourism • Local town economic development (incl. e.g. job clubs) • Control of markets • Opportunities: P/T/C Councils support for Visitor information; local Chamber of Commerce; management of markets
Leisure / Arts / Culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding to support Leisure Centres / Swimming pools • Support to theatres and arts centres • Additional support to libraries • Opportunities: Asset transfers to P/T/C Councils; P/T/C Councils support for existing services; asset transfers of cultural facilities; adoption of play areas; S106 funding for new play areas

Community Wellbeing and Resilience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Centres• Provision of facilities and services for children and young people• Supporting Volunteering/Befriending• Community safety / neighbourhood watch• Local climate change initiatives (for example local green transport schemes while ensuring unitary has strategic overview)• Provision of sandbags/gel bags and some local flood response measures• Opportunities: Local provision of some flood response measures; P/T/C Council grants for community services (including young people) and climate change initiatives; LCN work on combining offers across LCN areas where geography allows; P/T/C Council grants for services for vulnerable people
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