

| Action No. | Topic/Action | Detail | Direct Cost | Internal Resources | Timescale | Lead Officer | Next stage |
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| 1 | Create a website for Maidstone's Bigger Society | Website that pulls together advice and links for community groups and individuals who want to take action in their local area. Could also contain example success stories, allow interaction and suggestions to be posted and will provide links to sources of funding (Council and external). | Need for consultancy to be evaluated | Brief to be produced internally. Need for consultancy for site production to be evaluated | Mar-12 | ROC | Produce brief and scope action plan |
| 2 | Business and Voluntary Sector contact website with VAM | Website that acts as a 'dating service' between volunteer and community groups and local businesses so that they can reduce costs and meet each others needs. | Need for consultancy to be evaluated | Brief to be produced internally. Need for consultancy for site production to be evaluated | Dec-11 | EK & ROC | Produce brief and scope action plan |
| 3 | Community Right to Buy | Government are putting together a Community Right to Buy scheme that we will need to respond to. Essentially it involves maintaining a community asset register and ensuring the legislation is followed when a community asset is sold. | Potential costs of publicity and enforcement yet to be determined and will depend on legislative requirements | Staff required to maintain register, carry out enforcement etc. May be possible from existing resources | Reliant on guidance and localism bill being passed | DT | Await legislation |
| 4 | Member Training - Community Leadership | Members will have key role, that of community leader, in delivering the Bigger Society approach in Maidstone. A training session or programme will be put in place to deliver this important element of Member involvement in the Bigger Society. | Training cost, to be met from existing budgets if possible | Training resources | Mar-12 | TE | Scope, set objectives, book training |
| 5 | Neighbourhood Plans | Neighbourhood planning arises from the localism bill. Consultation on the proposals is underway (commenced 13 October 2011). Neighbourhood planning is community led, with the planning authority only getting involved at key stages. | None identified | Respond to consultation, await guidance for local authority involvement | Jan-12 | RJ/SR | Respond to consultation |
| 6 | Establish bidding process for £100k Bigger Society Fund | £100k fund to allocate towards projects that support the objectives of the bigger society. Application, decision and allocation processes need to be determined as well as publicising the pot. | £100k fund already set aside | Support and administration of scheme and bids. Need to determine responsible department | Mar-12 | EK & ROC | Produce a detailed Action plan |
| 7 | Community asset transfer and use | Consideration needs to be given to how Council owned assets can be used to support community groups and individuals who meet the objectives of Bigger Society. | Will need to be considered for each asset | Existing resources | Mar-12 | SR | Scope |
| 8 | Neighbourhood Action Planning | See Neighbourhood Action Planning. | Currently underway, see plan for NAP | Currently underway, see plan for NAP | Currently underway, see plan for NAP | SR | Monitor outcomes |
| 9 | Community Right to Challenge | Government are putting together a Community Right to Challenge scheme that we will need to respond to. The aim is to make our services open to smaller, local providers to bid for. We can consider how we do this without the legislation as it is possible to action this now | None identified | As part of procurement processes | Internal: March 2012. External reliant on guidance and localism bill being passed | DT | Scope and await legislation |