

**Area Committees**

The Council has recently agreed to implement an area committee structure. Limited work has been undertaken on the financial implications associated with this new structure. Whilst there is likely to be some scope to review and amend some of the activities of staff involved in supporting community planning the new committees will require additional support. Members may also wish to give some budget responsibility to Area Committees to deal with issues arising at the area level. At this stage a full year budget of £200,000 has been included in the Financial Plan with a part year effect of £50,000 in the current year.