

**Annex A: DALC Action Plan - Increasing Civic Participation within Parishes**

	Recommendation	Justification	Benefit	Barriers	Time scales	Progress
1	Parish workshop to be organised specifically for young people. Arrange for all Parishes to be represented and invite all schools. Work with the Youth Council and RBWM.	Many young people do not understand how Parishes work or even what a Parish Council is.	To encourage more young people to become involved in their local area.	Time restraints on schools and Parishes	Activity to cover October 12 to June 13	To be established following endorsement of action plan by DALC Executive ( 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2012)
2	More schools to be involved in Participatory Budgeting (applies to 15-19 year olds). This age group are not represented at Parish level.	More young people need to be involved in identifying and addressing locals issues within Parishes & how public money in their local area is spent,	Better engagement with young people. Greater involvement of young people with Parishes on the issues that matter to them locally.	Awareness of Participatory scheme and involvement of young people.	Participatory Scheme to developed by September 2012	RBWM Participatory Budget schemed to be launched in September 2012

3	DALC Chairman to contact schools to offer to give a presentation on Parishes if these schools choose not to be involved in the workshop.	Many young people do not understand how Parishes work or even what a Parish Council is.	To encourage more young people to become involved in their local area.	Time restraints on schools.	From September 2012	To be established following endorsement of action plan by DALC Executive ( 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2012)
4	Involve young people in Neighbourhood Plans.	Young people to have more say in how their local area looks.	To engage with young people and encourage them to have a say in the future of their local area.	Awareness of Neighbourhood Plans & involvement of young people and RBWM Planning team	From September 2012	To be established following endorsement of action plan by DALC Executive ( 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2012)
5	Chairman's Review to be discussed at annual village meetings	Local Residents not aware of the Parish activities	Greater awareness of Parish activities locally	Time Constraints	From June 2012	To be established following endorsement of action plan by DALC Executive ( 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2012)

6	Encourage and promote Adopt-A-Street and Village/area clear ups.	More involvement of local residents within their local area	To encourage people to get involved in civic participation this brings communities together.	Awareness and take up of Adopt A Street within Parish areas by residents, community group, schools and businesses  Adopt A Street leaflet for Businesses to be circulate to Parishes	On going  April 2012	Adopt A Street Scheme promoted at Workshop held 5 <sup>th</sup> December  12 Parish Councils currently have an Adopt Street scheme in place
7	Making Parishes aware of funding streams e.g. Big Society, Annual grants, and quarterly grants.	Parishes may not be aware of funding available for community projects	More projects could be undertaken and completed. This would result in more residents being involved within Community projects.	Awareness of funding opportunities available & capacity to make grant applications.	On going	Development and funding Service presentation made at 5th December with offer to support individual Parish councils  Six (successful) applications received from Parish Councils for Big Society

						Grant funding for local community project to April 2012
8	DALC to approach Parishes requesting them to re-visit their websites to see about updating them. Also to offer support and guidance to achieve this should it be required. To suggest Parishes advertise their vacancies on there.	Some websites may be out of date and residents may not be able to find out relevant information.	Relevant and current information available for all residents.	Funding issues if Parishes do not have a website.	July 2012	To be established following endorsement of action plan by DALC Executive ( 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2012)
9	DALC to investigate which Parishes communicate electronically, manually (i.e. newsletter), column in church magazine.	Communication is key and more investigation into "what works best" is needed,	To ensure every residents is communicated with.	Funding issues.	July 2012	To be established following endorsement of action plan by DALC Executive ( 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2012)