

Appendix A

Actions to support people and businesses in South Cambridgeshire in the economic downturn

Potential Actions	Timescale	Financial impact on SCDC
Hardship Rate Relief: Publicise the existing scheme Review the existing policy to facilitate the award of rate relief to assist businesses at imminent risk of failure and to ensure a fair allocation process of an agreed budget	2009/10	Up to £25,000
'How to Win Contracts' "event with other public authorities	May 2009	£3,000
Business Seminar/ Workshop on surviving the economic downturn, including practical advice and tips	June 2009	£5,000
Fund specialist business support with Business Link or Chamber of Commerce	2009/10	£50,000
Strengthen business database in order to improve targeting of training and opportunities for businesses including inward investment	2009/10	£10,000
Develop financial options to help development continue at Orchard Park	2009/10	Horizons funding expected
Freeze fees for taxi licensing, trade refuse collection and other environmental health services as recommended by the Portfolio Holder 27 January 2009	2009/10	£15,500
Provide rent-free space for CAB at SCDC	When requested	Within existing budgets
Contingency fund to be allocated to further projects building on learning from the first set of actions	2009/10	£39,500
SCDC staff: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial wellbeing event to signpost staff to appropriate organisations who can offer counselling and practical advice for themselves and family members • Offer short-term projects to existing staff rather than agency staff • Revise the staff relocation terms so that the sums available can be used flexibly, without increasing the total claimed. 	<p style="margin: 0;">April 2009</p> <p style="margin: 0;">February 2009</p> <p style="margin: 0;">February 2009</p>	<p style="margin: 0;">£2,000</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Potential saving</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Potential saving if new staff can be retained whilst unable to sell former home</p>

Action already agreed	Timescale	Financial impact on SCDC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aim to pay suppliers within 20 days 	February 2009	Up to 10 days interest on sums paid