

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL**REPORT**

To: NORTHERN LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP		Subject: CUMBERNAULD & KILSYTH TOWN CENTRES REPORT
From: HEAD OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT		
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1. Purpose Of Report

- 1.1 This report seeks to update the Partnership and Committee on the progress made in delivering the Regeneration of Cumbernauld and Kilsyth Town Centres.

2. Cumbernauld Town Centre Action Plan**Cumbernauld Vehicular Approaches**

- 2.1 All contract works have now been completed, including grass seeding across the two sites. Technical issues with the timeclock which operates the feature lighting at the Seafar approach have now been resolved and the lighting operating effectively. The contractor's defects liability and maintenance period runs until October 2011, during which the contractor is responsible for the replacement of any faulty equipment and maintenance of the central grassed areas at each roundabout.

Central Way Corridor

- 2.2 Design work is progressing on the improvements proposed for Central Way corridor, principally the improvement of drainage, central reservation and railings along the length of Central Way between Town Centre West and Town Centre East roundabouts. It is aimed that these works will commence by September 2011. The Council is also in discussion with the centre owners with regard to further improvements along Central Way, including the implementation of an architectural lighting project at the bus stances to improve perception and sense of safety at this key arrival point into the town. It is aimed that these works be implemented during the current financial year subject to agreements as required being reached with the relevant centre owners.

Cumbernauld Town Centre Signage Strategy

- 2.3 Tenders have been issued for the pedestrian wayfinding and car park aspects of the Cumbernauld Town Centre Signage Strategy and were returned at the end of June 2011. The successful signage supplier will be appointed by the end of July 2011. A manufacture and installation period of four months has been allowed, with completion envisaged by the end of November 2011. The pedestrian and car park signage form part of a wayfinding system for Cumbernauld Town Centre devised to assist residents and visitors to orientate around the town and its amenities and find their way to their destination more easily. The car park proposals include a colour coded identification scheme for the main car parks to the north and south of Central Way. New directional road signs along Central Way corridor form part of the proposals. In addition to the Council's investment, Campsies Centre (Cumbernauld) Ltd have committed funding to the delivery of complementary internal wayfinding signage within the town centre shopping centres and at the main bus stop arrivals on Central Way. Positive discussions are being progressed with the shopping

centre owners on this matter, and it is aimed to develop the internal signage proposals for delivery early in 2012.

3 Kilsyth Town Centre Action Plan

3.1 Kilsyth Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS)

The refurbishment of the White House and 44/48 Main Street / 56-62 Main Street has now been completed, and the new community police office on the ground floor of 44-48 Main Street has now opened. The completion of these major projects bring to a close the Kilsyth CARS, with all grant funding awarded by Historic Scotland now fully utilised. Private and public sector partners of the Council continue to work to attract new residents into the town centre and tenants for the units created through the refurbishment contracts.

- 3.2 Funding has been allocated to Kilsyth Town Centre from the Environmental Services Town Centres Capital Budget 2011/12 to address remaining physical regeneration priorities in the town centre. Proposals have been developed by North Lanarkshire Council Landscape Services for a series of entrance signs and interpretation boards to advertise the town centre and its amenities at key arrival points. Landscape improvements are also proposed at King Street car park and along the Airdrie Road corridor. Consultation on the initial proposals has been undertaken with Kilsyth Community Council and Kilsyth and Villages Community Forum, and feedback from the groups will be taken into account as the designs are finalised. It is aimed that the proposed landscape and car park improvement works will commence in September 2011 and the new signage be installed by November 2011.

4. Cumbernauld Village Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme

- 4.1 The Cumbernauld Village CARS scheme which secured £375,000 of funding from Historic Scotland, has been approved to run from April 2009 to March 2013. Funding is available for a design feasibility study for the former Village Primary School, to develop plans and secure necessary consents for the building's refurbishment and redevelopment. Regeneration Services are currently considering an option for social enterprise use of the building, together with possible funding sources that this use may attract.
- 4.2 Significant interest has been received in the Shopfront Improvement and Householder grant schemes, since launch of the schemes in January 2011. A total of 19 applications have been received for shopfront grants, covering 22 business premises, and 25 applications for the householder grants. Conservation architects Gray Marshall and Associates have been appointed to prepare plans and oversee delivery of the shopfront improvement works. It is aimed that all designs will be finalised and agreed, necessary consents obtained and works completed by the end of November 2011.

5. Recommendation

- 5.1 It is recommended that the Local Area Partnership note progress made on the projects and initiatives that have progressed recently within Cumbernauld and Kilsyth Town Centres.

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