

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL
REPORT

To: BELLSHILL & DISTRICT AREA COMMITTEE		Subject: BELLSHILL & DISTRICT AREA TOUR OCTOBER 2004 - UPDATE	
From: AREA TEAM LEADER			
Date: 4 NOVEMBER 2004	Ref: KF/MB		

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update Committee on the success of the area tour that took place on the 12 October 2004.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Committee will recall that the area tour aimed to forge better links with the area forum and therefore improve community engagement by visiting potential small community projects.
- 2.2 The tour took place on the 12 October 2004 between 9.00am and 1.00pm. Elected members serving the Bellshill and District area, representatives of the Bellshill and District Area Forum and other community representatives attended.
- 2.3 The development of the Small Communities Initiative offers the opportunity to focus on locations where projects could be developed in 2005/06 aimed at improving the local environment. The forum received a number of project proposals that resulted from the 65 letters they had issued to community groups across the area.
- 2.4 The itinerary included visiting a project in Viewpark, which had been funded by the small communities initiative and 6 sites where project were proposed. Generally, an area forum member or in some cases another community representative explained the project.

3.0 ACTIONS

- 3.1 The committee chair and area team leader attended a meeting with the area forum on the 26 October 2004 and agreed that the forum would:
- invite a representative of the Director of Planning and Environment to meet with them to ensure the project proposals are submitted in the most appropriate format
 - submit the project proposals to the Director of Planning and Environment
 - consider whether they had comment to make regarding their support or otherwise of the projects suggested in the report considered by this committee on the 9 September 2004
 - meet with the chair of the Motherwell and District Area Forum to discuss the Holytown Station project proposals

4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 that committee notes the content of this report.

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Area Team Leader