

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL  
Bellshill and District Local Area  
Partnership**

To: BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP		Subject:  LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
From: HEAD OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT		
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## 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report seeks to update the Local Area Partnership of the ongoing delivery of projects identified for investment through the Local Development Programme during financial year 2007/08, and to seek approval for a new list of projects for delivery through the 2008/09 Local Development Programme across the Bellshill and District Area.

## 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 A range of physical environmental improvement projects have been supported in the Local Area Partnership area over the last few years through the Local Development Programme, a combination of the Small Communities Budget of Environmental Services supported by funding for Data Zone Areas directly through the Community Regeneration Fund and by the coordinated investment of partner agencies and departments.
- 2.2 The table attached to this report provides a status update on the delivery of projects identified for investment in financial year 2007/08 which have overrun into the current 2008/09 financial year. A presentation illustrating the works delivered will be made to the Local Area Partnership to demonstrate the positive impact of the Local Development Programme in aiding the regeneration of communities throughout the Bellshill and District Area.

## 3. 2008/09 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

- 3.1 A package of funding has been assembled for the delivery of physical regeneration activities within each Local Area Partnership area based on locally determined needs. This comprises capital funding of Environmental Services along with funding provided through the Fairer Scotland Fund, which replaced the Community Regeneration Fund in March 2008. A distribution of the available funding across the Local Area Partnerships has been devised on the basis of population split and deprivation to allow for a balanced allocation of funding. A total of £421,160 is available in the Bellshill and District Area through the Local Development Programme in financial year 2008/09. Carried over commitments from financial year 2007/08 total £60,000 leaving a total of £361,160 for investment in new project proposals in 2008/09.
- 3.2 The table attached identifies the list of projects recommended for approval by the Local Area Partnership for delivery during financial year 2008/09 through the Local Development Programme. The Partnership should note that no further projects can from now be considered for delivery this financial year, however project proposals are encouraged for assessment for inclusion within the 2009/10 Programme.

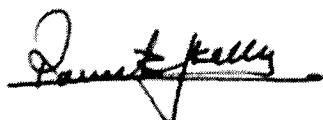
4. **CORPORATE CONSIDERATIONS**

4.1 The Local Development Programme highlights the Council's commitment to neighbourhood regeneration and the value of the Local Area Partnerships.

4 **RECOMMENDATION**

4.1 It is recommended that the Partnership agree

- (i) that the list of projects detailed within the attached Appendix be approved for delivery through the Local Development Programme in financial year 2008/09
- (ii) that the progress in delivering the projects listed in the attached Appendix by the Executive Director of Environmental Services through the Local Development Programme be reported to future meetings of the LAP



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### Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership: 2007-08 Projects Update

Site & Address	Status	Description
<b>Birkenshaw:</b> Sixth Street	COMPLETED	Works to complete the access improvement works at Sixth Street, Birkenshaw have now commenced following finalisation of a Minute of Agreement between the involved parties. The works will involve creating an access through the fence of the retail park, and construction of a crossing point to correspond with the ramp constructed at Sixth Street.
<b>Mossend:</b> Burnside Avenue	COMPLETED	The construction of a new residential car parking area at Burnside Avenue, Mossend, has now been completed. This has resulted significantly improved parking provision for local residents of Burnside Avenue which will aid reduction of unsafe on-street parking practice on the adjacent road bend.
<b>Tannochside:</b> Tannochside Gateway Feature	COMPLETED	The construction of a new gateway feature at the entrance to Tannochside, at the junction of Old Edinburgh Road and Aitkenhead Road by the Smurfit Kappa factory, has now been completed. The scheme has involved construction of a feature wall with up-lighting, decorative gravel and planting. Finalisation of this scheme has overrun due to the special manufacture of the lettering for the feature wall.

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### Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership: List of Projects 2008-09

Site and Address	Indicative Cost	Status	Description
<b>Bellshill:</b> Gardenside / Vincent Court	£30,000	Project Proposal 2008/09	Options for improving the surfacing of the lane between Vincent Court and Philip Court are being looked at following reports of anti-social behaviour. The installation of lighting is also being considered to improve safety in the lane. This project will be progressed in conjunction with Roads and Transportation.
<b>Bellshill:</b> Warnock Crescent	£30,000	Project Proposal 2008/09	The provision of a hard surface overrun with renewed kerbs is being considered for the grassed area in the centre of Warnock Crescent as bin lorries have to overrun the edge of the grassed area in order to pass parked cars and the edge is being damaged. The paths that cross the grassed area

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			could also be resurfaced as part of this project.
<b>Birkenshaw:</b> Sixth Street	£10,000	Project Proposal 2008/09	Following the completion of works to create a new ramped access from Sixth Street to Birkenshaw Retail Park, options for phase two improvements to the tiled embankment by the previous stepped access into the retail park will be given consideration.
<b>Fallside:</b> Fallside Primary School (area to Rear)	£10,000	Project Proposal 2008/09	The removal of a fence and shelter at the rear of Fallside Primary School is being looked at. The fencing is damaged and graffiti and anti social behaviour have been reported. This project could be undertaken by Learning and Leisure Services.
<b>Holytown:</b> Memorial Gardens	£60,000	Project Proposal 2008/09	Following clarification of various influencing factors, consultants TGP Landscape Architects have been engaged to devise two sketch options for the improvement of the Holytown Memorial Gardens site, focussed on enhancing the situation of the war memorial in relation to the gardens area. It is intended that a consultation exercise will be undertaken with key local stakeholders to determine the preferred option for improvement of the site, before progressing to detailed design. It is envisaged that the delivery of works would require to be phased over two financial years.
<b>Holytown:</b> Olive Court	£20,000	Project Proposal 2008/09	The resurfacing of the parking area to the rear of Olive Court is being considered. The parking area at present is in a very poor condition and is used by residents for access to their own parking within the rear of their properties. Resurfacing and marked parking bays would significantly improve the area. This project could be developed in conjunction with Grounds Maintenance.
<b>Holytown:</b> Shirrel Burn	£30,000	Project Proposal 2008/09	Following the completion of a sketch design exercise last financial year, a series of options for the improvement of the large area of open space between Shirrel Road and Loanhead Road are available with cost estimates. This is a large scale project that requires input from other funding sources and Council Services, however there are identifiable work elements related to improved landscaped management and accessibility that could be investigated for delivery this financial year.

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<b>Mossend:</b> Milnwood Drive	£5,000	Project Proposal 2008/09	Options for improving the functionality and environmental quality of this former garage site will be investigated in conjunction with other similar sites identified within the Bellshill and District Area, and in close consultation with Housing and Social Work Services.
<b>Mossend:</b> Orbiston Drive	£5,000	Project Proposal 2008/09	The possibility of providing parking lay-bys for properties on Orbiston Drive is being looked into following requests from residents. Responsibility for this work may lie with a service such as Housing or Roads and Transportation so further investigation is necessary.
<b>Orbiston:</b> The Jewell Scheme	£55,000	Project Proposal 2008/09	A scheme of landscape improvement and rationalisation has been devised in conjunction with North Lanarkshire Council Grounds Maintenance following the successful delivery of similar works at the Gas Flats, Fallside over the last two financial years. The works will involve the removal of inappropriate and over mature soft landscaped areas and establishment of attractive hard landscaping to improve visibility, safety and environmental amenity in the targeted areas.
<b>Orbiston:</b> Raewell Crescent	£10,000	Project Proposal 2008/09	Consideration is being given to proposals to amend the existing path layout to promote better connections between houses in Raewell Crescent and the bus stop as well as general small-scale environmental improvements such as resurfacing existing paths and better quality planting. This project is likely to be delivered through an external consultant.
<b>Uddingston:</b> First Avenue	£10,000	Project Proposal 2008/09	Improvements to the path and wall adjacent to the area of open space at First Avenue are being considered following reports of anti-social behaviour with youths congregating in this area. The wall is currently in poor condition and repair/re-design of the wall and resurfacing of the existing path would therefore be appropriate. This project could be delivered in conjunction with Grounds Maintenance.
<b>Viewpark:</b> Fitness Centre	£20,000	Project Proposal 2008/09	A financial contribution only has been proposed for Viewpark Fitness Centre.
<b>Viewpark:</b> Juniper Road/ Burnhead Street (Gala Day park)	£5,000	Project Proposal	Removal of the fence along the perimeter of the Gala Day park on Juniper Road and Burnhead Street has been proposed in order to improve access to

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		2008/09	the park. The works could be delivered by Grounds Maintenance.
<b>Viewpark:</b> Land adjacent to St Columba's Club Hall	£15,000	Project Proposal 2008/09	Land adjacent to St Columba's Club Hall is in a highly visible location, however is currently in a poor condition. Consideration is being given to suitable landscape works to enhance the appearance of the ground along with resurfacing the current footpath. This project could be developed in conjunction with Grounds Maintenance.
<b>Viewpark:</b> Lilac Crescent, Douglas Street, Myrtle Road	£20,000	Project Proposal 2008/09	Proposals for improving the condition of these former lock up sites are being looked at with works ranging from general tidying up and the removal of dumping and overgrown vegetation to environmental improvements on a larger scale including the re-design of some of these areas. These projects are likely to be progressed in conjunction with Grounds Maintenance or an external consultant.
<b>Viewpark:</b> Viewpark Glen	£25,000	Project Proposal 2008/09	In conjunction with other Council Services, such as Conservation and Greening and Grounds Maintenance, and Central Scotland Forest Trust, particular issues or locations within the Viewpark Glen area will be investigated for suitable intervention through the Local Development Programme. This is a large scale project with a number of woodland management and environmental issues that requires a wider approach and additional funding resources, to be targeted over a long term timescale.

#### Bellshill and District Local Development Programme: Future Investment Potential

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<b>Holytown:</b> Memorial Gardens continuation	Continuing Project Proposal	Continuation of works to the Holytown Memorial Gardens following finalisation of designs and commencement of delivery on site during financial year 2008/09.