

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL
Bellshill Local Area Partnership**

To: BELLSHILL LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP		Subject: Bellshill Town Centre Action Plan Update
From: HEAD OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT		
Date: 14 August 2008	Ref: DPT/01/02/SP	

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report seeks to update the Partnership and Committee on the progress made on the Bellshill Town Centre Action Plan

2. Background

- 2.1 Consultants, Ironside Farrar Limited, were appointed in 2005, to prepare a design framework in the form of a Masterplan for Bellshill Town Centre. This Masterplan identified a scheme of works to address traffic management requirements and improve the streetscape within the town centre. The scheme will deliver a significant element of the initial Option 8 proposals which identified the basic traffic management requirements approved by the Council in 2002, a detailed report on which was made to the Partnership in May 2008.
- 2.2 The works have been divided into 4 phases for implementation over a period of 3 – 4 years. Mackenzie Construction Limited, contractors, were appointed at the end of February 2007, to undertake the Phase 1 and 2 works.

3 Progress

- 3.1 Mackenzie Construction Limited are implementing Phases 1 and 2 of the works and are currently in week 68 of the contract. It is anticipated that these works will be completed by the end of August 2008. The majority of the works relating to repaving, resurfacing and installation of new lighting and street furniture is now completed, however there are a series of remaining items to be rectified prior to finalisation of the contract. The corresponding contract for Phase 1 traffic management works in Bellshill Town Centre is also scheduled for completion by the end of August 2008.
- 3.2 Ironside Farrar Limited have finalised the detailed designs for the Phase 3 and 4 works which will be implemented on Main Street from Bellshill Cross to Emma Jay Road, part of Hamilton Road and part way along North Road This area is considered to be the core of the Town centre and this will be reflected in higher quality material including Caithness slabs on the footways defined by broad granite kerbs. Stainless steel street furniture and new street lighting will be installed. Focal points and artwork will also be incorporated in the overall design including floodlighting certain buildings of architectural interest such as churches.
- 3.3 Tender documents to appropriate contractors have been issued by Ironside Farrar Ltd for the Phase 3 Contract, with returns due by the 22 August 2008. It is envisaged that work on this phase of the contract will commence on site in late 2008 following appointment of a Consultant to oversee implementation of the works. The final phase of

the streetscape improvements, being the remainder of Main Street, North Road and Hamilton Road will follow thereafter.

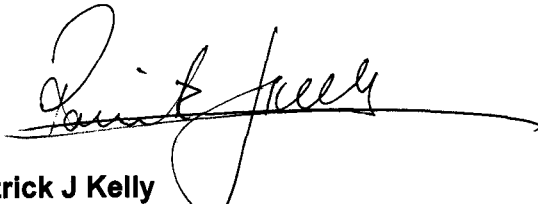
- 3.4 Due to the value of the Phase 3 and 4 works, it has been necessary to procure consultancy services to oversee implementation of the contracts through advertisement in the *European Journal*. An advert was placed in June 2008, with returns received on 4 August 2008. An assessment process requires to be undertaken prior to seeking approval to appoint. It is anticipated that the successful consultant will be appointed in September 2008 to administer, manage and supervise the implementation of phases 3 and 4 of the Bellshill Town Centre Environmental Improvements, and issue and check tender and contract documentation for the Phase 4 works

4 Summary

- 4.1 Over the course of last year and into this year, the Phase 1 and 2 works represent an investment of £1.8 million in Bellshill Town Centre. It is anticipated that Phases 3 and 4 will be implemented over the following two years and will represent a further investment of £4 million in Bellshill Town Centre.

5 Recommendations

- 5.1 It is recommended that the Local Area Partnership note progress made on the Bellshill Town Centre Action Plan.



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