
To: BELLSHILL LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP	Subject: BELLSHILL TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN UPDATE
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 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 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 the contract is now nearing completion. The works delivered through these phases have involved resurfacing and repaving of Neilson Street, Motherwell Road, John Street, part of Thorn Road and Main Street east from Thorn Road to Academy Street in high quality materials, with associated new street furniture and lighting columns to add to the street scene and promote improved safety. The area to the front of Bellshill Cultural Centre has also been redesigned with new paving and tree planting. Named bricks retrieved from the reader statues formerly located at the Cultural Centre have been retained and re-laid within the landscaped area to the rear of the Cultural Centre. The works delivered to date have resulted in a more attractive environment within Bellshill Town Centre for pedestrians and vehicles implemented to a high standard of design and workmanship. The corresponding contract for Phase 1 traffic management works in Bellshill Town Centre is also now completed, resulting in new traffic flow arrangements as recommended in the Option 8 traffic management proposals approved by the Council in 2002.

3.2 Tenders for Phase 3 works in Bellshill Town Centre have been returned and checked by consultants Ironside Farrar Ltd. Fountain Support Services have subsequently been appointed and it is envisaged that work on site will commence on site in late 2008. The final phase of the streetscape improvements, being the remainder of Main Street, North Road and Hamilton Road will follow thereafter and be subject to an additional tender exercise.

3.3 Tender returns from a number of consultancy practices were received in August 2008 for overseeing the implementation of Phase 3 and Phase 4 of the Bellshill Town Centre

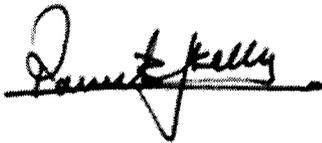
works following advertisement through the European Journal. An assessment process was undertaken by a panel of officers within Planning and Development and Roads and Transportation, which has resulted in the appointment of Land Use Consultants.

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. Phases 3 will be implemented over this year and next with a further investment of £1.8million, with Phase 4 following thereafter with an anticipated investment of £2.2million 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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