

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 Phases 1, 2 and 3 of the 4 phase streetscape works approved for Bellshill Town Centre have been completed. RJ MacLeod were appointed in early March 2010 as contractors to implement the fourth and final phase of the streetscape improvement programme. The contract will be administered and supervised by Land Use Consultants on behalf of the Council.

3. Progress

- 3.1 The Phase 4 works are progressing towards a conclusion within the programmed 48 weeks identified within the project contract. These works have provided a complete programme of streetscape improvements, including footway and carriageway resurfacing alongside enhanced town centre street furniture provision.
- 3.2 Works to Hamilton Road, North Road and Main Street on either side of the cross are now complete. The Morrisons link area, to be renamed James Dempsey Way will follow on closely behind other areas, with anticipated completion in early April. To recognise the naming of this space in memory of James Dempsey, the feature walls to the entrances from Main Street and John Street will carry an inscription of 'James Dempsey Way', accompanied by a quote from James Dempsey along with other appropriate quotes, as suggested by local members.
- 3.3 The final element of this phase of works involves introduction of feature lighting on a number of key buildings in the town centre. These include St Andrews Church, 171 Main Street at the cross, Bank of Scotland, Airdrie Savings Bank and Bellshill Academy, including the war memorial. It is hoped that the completed lighting schemes will enhance the particular features of each building specifically and in general, improve the overall appearance of the town centre when taken together.

4. Town Centre on Street Parking Restrictions Update

- 4.1 The Traffic Regulation Order for Bellshill Town Centre was approved by committee on 26th January 2011. All necessary signage and street lining is being implemented in March, to allow the enforcement of the order. Materials used as part of this have been chosen to compliment the existing town centre improvements recently completed.

5. Hamilton Road Roundabout

Contractors (MacLays) commenced work on site 7th March, carrying out initial off road works. Construction is estimated to last for 11 weeks, completing mid May. During this period, traffic management will be in operation to manage traffic flows through the works. Priority will be given for traffic coming off the A725 southbound off slip, to avoid traffic queues on the bypass.

6. Town Centre Action Plan

- 6.1 The proposed approach to the development of a set of Frameworks for the growth and change of North Lanarkshire's town centres is currently being progressed. Work will progress in due course on the frameworks for the Bellshill area, with partnership meetings advised as this happens and partners involved accordingly.

In the interim period in advance of new frameworks being finalised, a number of potential projects have been identified within Bellshill town centre to take advantage of funding currently available. At present, these projects are proposed to be implemented across 2011/12 – 2012/13.

Details of proposed projects are within the attached appendix 1. These proposals are subject to consultation with local members and the relevant Council services as they are developed. Further details will be provided on each project as progressed, and any initial feedback from partnership members is welcomed at this time.

7. Recommendations

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



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Appendix 1

Project	Year	Comments
Gateway features approaching town centre	2011/12 – 2012/13	There exists an opportunity to build upon the current environmental enhancement works completing in the town centre, to provide enhanced gateway points, defining the identity of and arrival in the town centre. A number of locations approaching the town centre may be appropriate for location of gateway feature signs.
Pedestrian Directional Signage	2011/12	Provide a consistent fingerpost signage scheme for town centre, directing pedestrians between the key destination points in town centre.
Construction of Farmgate Square Roundabout	2011/12	As identified in Bellshill Town Centre Action plan, creation of a roundabout at junction of Farmgate Square/Queens Crescent and Hamilton Road to improve traffic movement and safety within Bellshill and complete delivery of selected traffic management option.
Closure of Main Street and associated works	2011/12 – 2012/13	As identified in Bellshill Town Centre Action plan, works required to close Main St at Sir Matt Busby Centre and complete delivery of selected traffic management option.