

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE
COUNCIL**

To: BELLSHILL LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP		Subject: BELLSHILL TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN UPDATE
From: HEAD OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT		
Date: 25 OCTOBER 2012	Ref: SP/03/12/DOK	

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 The Bellshill Town Centre Action Plan was approved by North Lanarkshire Council's Planning & Environment (Roads & Transport Sub Committee) in December 2001 as the basis for the regeneration of Bellshill Town Centre.
- 2.2 Works as part of the current Action Plan have completed for Bellshill and there is subsequently no allocated budget for this year. A capital bid for Town Centres is under preparation for the five year period from 2013/14 – 2017/18 to secure funding for delivery of future capital projects in each town centre with an anticipated decision in February of next year. Future partnership meetings will be advised of the progress of this in relation to Bellshill
- 2.3 New Town Centre Frameworks to guide the management and change for North Lanarkshire's town centres are currently being developed. These new frameworks will look to address issues including development opportunities; town centre activity; accessibility and movement; design, quality and character; town centre management; business support and marketing and promotion. This process will begin with an initial town centre health check, in line with Scottish Government guidance, to gain an indication of town centre vitality and viability and help inform following steps and content of the framework. A guidance note which sets out the process for preparing the Frameworks can be viewed on the North Lanarkshire Council website at www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/framework. Work is underway in the initial round of town centres, with Bellshill anticipated to follow in 2013/14. Future partnership meetings will be informed of progress and members involved as the framework develops.

3. Farmgate Square Roundabout

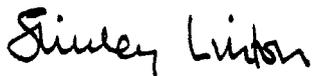
- 3.1 All works have now completed to the roundabout at the junction of Hamilton Road with Farmgate Square and Queens Crescent and the junction is open for public use.

4. Main Street Paving Issues

- 4.1 Potential issues with some paving materials in the town centre were raised for investigation at the previous partnership meeting. Occurrences where there have been issues with paving have been concentrated on Main Street in the section between Motherwell Road and Emma Jay Road. The Council continues to investigate the potential causes of this with a view to finding a long term remedy. In the meantime, locations where problems are identified are being temporarily addressed.

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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