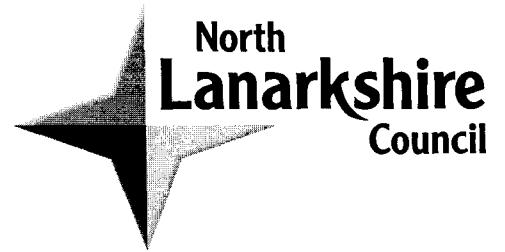


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**All Members of the
Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership**

Dear Member,

Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership/Area Committee

I refer to the agenda issued in respect of the meeting of the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership to be held on Thursday, 24 October 2013 at 7 pm.

The April report in relation to Bellshill Town Centre Action Plan has been attached to the agenda in error and I now enclose the correct report for your attention.

Members are requested to bring these papers with them to the meeting.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the initials "JM" or similar, written in a cursive style.

AP Executive Director of Corporate Services

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To: BELLSHILL LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP		Subject: BELLSHILL TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN UPDATE
From: HEAD OF PLANNING & REGENERATION		
Date: 24 October 2013	Ref: SP/03/12/SP	

1. Purpose of Report

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

2. Bellshill Town Centre Framework and Action Plan

- 2.1 The Council continues work on Town Centre Frameworks and Action Plans for all town centres. A guidance note which sets out the process for preparing these Frameworks can be viewed at www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/towncentres.
- 2.2 The first stage of consultation for the new Bellshill Town Centre Framework was completed in June. The second round started in August with a workshop for local members, community planning partners and other town centre stakeholders. Further mini workshop sessions with traders and community representatives will take place over the next few weeks. The findings from the initial consultation will be displayed in the Library from 21st to 28th October to allow residents and visitors the opportunity to comment before the draft Framework and Action Plan is completed. Further information from the consultation process is available on the council's website <http://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/bellshill>.
- 2.3 The draft Framework and Action plan will be subject to full public consultation in due course.

3. Capital Budget

- 3.1 As previously reported, no funding was allocated to Bellshill in the Council's Capital Programme for the period 2013/14 to 2017/18. Consequently the new Framework and Action Plan for Bellshill will need to identify opportunities for external funding.

4. National Review of Town Centres

- 4.1 Further to the publication of the recommendations from the External Advisory Group to the Scottish Government on a national review of town centres, as reported to the previous meeting, the Scottish Government is considering the report with a view to producing an action plan for Scotland's town centres this autumn. The action plan will set out the Government's response in the first instance and go on to invite local authorities, communities and other key sectors to contribute to its development. The report entitled "Community and Enterprise in Scotland's Town Centres" is available to view on-line at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2013/07/7250>.

5. Town Centre Activities Update

TOWN CENTRE DATA (as at 18th September 2013)						FOOTFALL VARIATIONS		
TOWN CENTRE	No of Business units	No of Active businesses	New Businesses	Closed Businesses	VOID UNITS*	July 2013 to Aug 2013	Aug 2012 to Aug 2013	Q1 2012/13 to Q1 2013/14***
Airdrie	312	285	5	7	27 (8.5%)	3.14%	-4.66%	6.75%
Bellshill	145	132	2	0	13 (8.96%)	1.52%	-6.55%	-6.50%
Coatbridge	238	203	4	1	35 (14.7%)	-1.27%	-5.36%	2.04%
Cumbernauld	212	170	2	3	42 (20%)	-0.34%	21.47%	16.61%
Kilsyth	95	81	0	1	14 (14.7%)	-0.54%	-2.02%	-4.33%
Motherwell	278	252	4	3	26 (9.3%)	6.37%	9.95%	1.13%
Wishaw	301	258	3	2	43 (14.3%)	-9.24%	-0.10%	-5.89%
				UK Av	14.10%			
				Scotland Av	14.90%			

* note that void % can vary according to whether you count shops, businesses, community & charitable uses. Once a year voids are calculated by sq m.

** note that a number of footfall counters have not been operational for full 12 months

*** % from TCA

5.1 The Christmas Light Switch On will take place in Bellshill Town Centre on Thursday 28th November 2013 from 3.30pm to 5.00pm.

6. Recommendations

6.1 It is recommended that the Local Area Partnership note progress made on the projects and initiatives contained within the Bellshill Town Centre Action Plan.

Shirley Linton

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HEAD OF PLANNING & REGENERATION**

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