

To: AIRDRIE AREA COMMITTEE	Subject: Airdrie Town Centre	
From: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT		
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### 1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Committee on the progress towards a site start on Phase 2 of the proposed Environmental Improvements to Airdrie Town Centre. The report also advises the Committee of an ongoing pilot initiative dealing with the maintenance of the public realm within Airdrie Town Centre.

### 2. Town Centre Environmental Improvements

- 2.1 At previous meetings of the Committee, I have advised members of the design for Environmental Improvement works in Graham Street and of the new Traffic Regulation Order which will be put in place on completion of the works.
- 2.2 The project architect is currently finalising the design, through the incorporation of proposed works to support the implementation of the new Traffic Regulation Order, and it is expected that the project will be put out to tender during March 2003, with an expected completion date in Spring 2004. The project artist is currently fabricating tree guards and designing the art works for the project and prices have been quoted for street furniture and lighting.

### 3. Pilot Maintenance Project

- 3.1 The Council has also recently launched a Pilot Maintenance Project in Airdrie Town Centre taking forward a new partnership approach for the co-ordinated delivery of a range of council environmental improvements for the area.
- 3.2 As well as improved maintenance arrangements, the town centre will also benefit from a number of other enhancements to the local environment. These include the replacement of some defective tree guards and replanting trees, the replacement of damaged or cracked paving slabs, the repositioning and replacement of grit bins, extending the hours worked by the litter picking squad in the town centre and repainting street lighting columns in the main shopping streets. This new service, which is being piloted for three months, will be overseen by a town centre co-ordinator, who will ensure a co-ordinated response to maintenance issues. If successful, the scheme, introduced by Planning and Environment, could be rolled out to other town centres within North Lanarkshire.

### 4. Recommendation

- 4.1 The Committee is asked to note:-
- (a) the progress being made towards the implementation of the next phase of Town Centre Environmental Improvements in Airdrie;

- (b) the new pilot maintenance project currently operating in Airdrie Town Centre.



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