

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL**

**Area Committee Report**

To: Coatbridge AREA COMMITTEE		Subject:  Coatbridge Town Centre Action Plan
From: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT		
Date: 6 September 2005	Ref: DPT/15/03/GL	

**1. Purpose of Report**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Committee of the progress made on projects contained in the Coatbridge Town Centre Action Plan.

**2. Background**

2.1 The Committee will recall that a Committee Report on the Coatbridge Town Centre Action Plan was remitted to its meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> June 2005.

2.2 That report approved the Coatbridge Town Centre Action Plan as a means for delivering sustainable regeneration and agreed a range of projects, which would form the basis for the ongoing priorities of the Council in Coatbridge Town Centre.

**3. Project Updates**

3.1 In line with the Department's commitment to keep the Committee informed of progress towards achieving the aims of the Action Plan the attached table provides an update on a number of projects currently being advanced through the Department.

3.2 Of particular note is the imminent completion of a 3<sup>rd</sup> phase of the Environmental Improvements in the Town Centre, progress towards development of the Bank Street Corridor Masterplan and the award of a contract to carry out the Strategic Traffic Assessment of the A89 and surrounding road network.

3.3 Further updates on the range of projects, which form the Action Plan, will be presented to future meetings of the Committee.

**4 Recommendations**

a) It is recommended that the Committee notes progress made on the Coatbridge Town Centre Action Plan.



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## Coatbridge Town Centre Action Plan – Update of Projects

Theme	Proposals/Opportunity Physical Works	Timescale	Updated Position
<b>1. Infrastructure</b>			
TRANSPORT	<p><b>Central Corridor Strategic Transport Assessment</b> A study will be undertaken to model the patterns of vehicle movement into and between Airdrie and Coatbridge, with a view to identifying pressure areas and developing a range of measures to improve the road network including the promotion of alternative modes of transport.</p>	Short-term	Following the allocation of £80,000 to this project, SIAS have been engaged to develop a traffic model with the results of the assessment expected in early 2006.
TRANSPORT	<p><b>Whifflet Street Corridor</b> Identify opportunities for traffic management , business development, enhanced pedestrian arrangements and environmental improvements associated with the designation of Air Quality Management Area in Whifflet</p>	Short-term	A consultants brief is being developed for a detailed traffic and environmental study of the corridor.
TRANSPORT	<p><b>Pedestrian Links</b> Identify further improvements in the pedestrian linkages between Summerlee Heritage Centre, Main Street, Faraday Retail Park and Coatbridge Health Centre.</p>	Medium-term	The Town Trail between the Town Centre, the Faraday Retail Park and the Health Centre has been completed and the Bank Street Masterplan will identify new and improved linkages and signage to Summerlee Heritage Centre.
TRANSPORT	<p><b>South Circular Road</b> Assess the potential to re-align the South Circular Road to accommodate regeneration of the South side of Main Street and Faraday Retail Park.</p>	Medium-term	The ongoing Central Corridor Strategic Transport Assessment will assist in identifying opportunities to alter the line of the South Circular Road.
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2. Diversification			
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DEVELOPMENT LAND	<b>Faraday Retail Park</b> Assist the owners of retail park in the regeneration and enhancement of the retail facilities on this important edge of Town Centre site.	Medium-term	Discussions are ongoing with owners in the Faraday Retail Park with regard to enhancement of the retail opportunities the park provides.
DEVELOPMENT LAND	<b>South Main Street</b> Assist the owners of property on the South Side of Main Street in the regeneration and enhancement of the retail and non-retail facilities on this important Town Centre site.	Long-term	The Council is assisting the owners in identifying a regeneration scheme to provide a more modern retail environment in this part of the Town Centre.
DEVELOPMENT LAND	<b>Coatdyke/Rochsolloch Regeneration</b> The identification and delivery of a range of transport, development, residential, business and environmental enhancement opportunities in the Coatdyke and Rochsolloch area to secure long term regeneration.	Long-term	Discussions with a number of landowners are ongoing and survey requirements are being assessed. The Central Corridor Strategic Transport Assessment will also investigate transportation issues in this area.
DEVELOPMENT LAND	<b>Bank Street Corridor</b> Develop Masterplan to examine the feasibility for the physical enhancement of this edge of Town Centre area and explore opportunities for improved access, public safety and support for upgrading listed buildings and other premises.	Short-term	Land Use Consultants have been appointed to prepare a draft masterplan for this access corridor to the Town Centre. The Masterplan is expected to be available in October.
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3. Design & Quality			

PUBLIC REALM	<b>Coatbridge Town Centre Phase 3</b> The third phase of Town Centre Environmental Improvements involves the resurfacing of Church Street. New street furniture, lighting columns and trees.	Short-term	Works on this phase of improvements to the Town Centre are due for completion during September.
PUBLIC REALM	<b>Coatbridge Town Centre Phase 4</b> Environmental Improvements to the north of Main Street including Sunnyside Road following the pattern of works previously carried out in the Town Centre.	Short-term	ID Consultants are currently preparing a scheme of environmental improvements for this area, for implementation in 2006.
PUBLIC REALM	<b>Bank Street Corridor</b> Deliver Masterplan and implement a phased programme of environmental improvements along this important corridor into Coatbridge Town Centre.	Short-term	The corridor masterplan, currently being prepared, will form the basis for a range of public realm, underpass removal, streetscape, access and environmental improvements, to provide a cohesive link between Summerlee, the Time Capsule and the Town Centre.
PUBLIC REALM	<b>Town Centre Railway Bridges</b> Explore options for the visual enhancement of these Town Centre Gateway features.	Medium-term	Discussions with Network Rail are ongoing regarding the potential investment level required to achieve visual enhancement of these bridges.