

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL
Coatbridge Local Area Partnership**

To: COATBRIDGE LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP		Subject: Coatbridge Town Centre Action Plan
From: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES		
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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 Coatbridge Town Centre Action Plan and the status of the projects and initiatives contained therein.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Coatbridge Town Centre Action plan was approved by North Lanarkshire Council's Economic Regeneration Committee in March 2005 as a multi-agency and wide ranging approach for the regeneration process in Coatbridge Town Centre.

- 2.2 Environment Services will continue to build on the successes that have been achieved in the Town Centre and the following is an update on the individual projects contained within Action Plan which are under development or being implemented:

- **Coatbridge Town Centre Environmental Improvements**

Following completion of the fourth phase of Town Centre Environmental Improvements an extension of the contractors current contract is being sought to complete surfacing and lighting works along Baird Street.

- **Additional Environmental Improvements**

A scheme of works to re-surface and improve the lighting the majority of Church Street is currently being implemented, to improve this link between the Town Centre and Sunnyside Station.

- **Bank Street Corridor Environmental Improvements**

Paul Hogarth will be re-appointed to finalise the design and manage the tendering and contract phases of this project. Due to advance notice of major infrastructure works by Scottish Water the timing and phasing of the works will be carefully considered to limit the potential for abortive works being implemented.

- **Whifflet Street Corridor**

Proposals are being prepared to construct a new car park off Hozier Street and an extension to an existing car park at Easton Place, to reduce on street parking and congestion on Whifflet Street.

- **Coatbridge Fountain Underpass**

Due to timetabling difficulties with public utilities there has been slower progress than anticipated with this project but work is ongoing to complete this project in co-operation with affected public utilities.

- **Coatbridge Rail Bridges**

Network Rail have appointed a project manager to prepare a scheme of works and tenders for this project. This is being carried out in full consultation with the Council to endeavour to co-ordinate the works with the Council's works on the Bank Street Corridor.

- **Traffic Modelling**

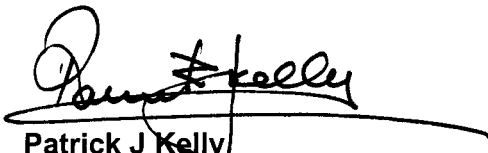
The completion of the Airdrie Coatbridge Traffic Model later this year will permit scenario testing for a range of potential improvements to the town's road network.

3. Summary

- 3.1 North Lanarkshire Council has already invested over £4 million in the physical environment of Coatbridge Town Centre. Over the course of this next financial year, the remaining short-term and medium-term projects currently underway will be developed towards implementation and at the same time the long-term aspirations of the Action Plan will be progressed including those being promoted by partner agencies.

4. Recommendations

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



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