

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

TO: MOTHERWELL AREA COMMITTEE		Subject: MOTHERWELL TOWN CENTRE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS
From: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT		
Date: 17 March 1999	Ref: S/PL/R/12/13/DPJ/AB	

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To update the Committee of progress in relation to various environmental improvement works involving sites and maintenance within Motherwell Town Centre.

2. SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

- 2.1 As part of the Council's continuing commitment to Local Agenda 21, this report requires to be assessed against the likely sustainability implications of the proposals. In summary, the proposals contained herein are compatible with accepted sustainability criteria as they assist in enhancing the built environment to improve the viability of Motherwell Town Centre.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 At the February meeting, the Committee considered and accepted a report highlighting a number of unresolved issues contributing to the poor environmental state of Motherwell Town Centre. The report examined a number of matters relating to on going town centre maintenance and some site specific issues requiring longer term action.

- 3.2 While work is progressing on the longer term initiatives identified in my earlier report, I can highlight the following matters which have, or will, be progressed within the near future.

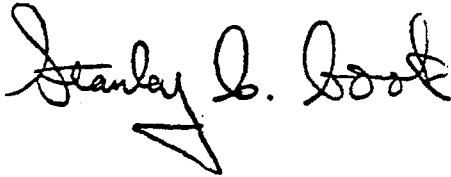
- i) Work has been carried out to alleviate street flooding problems within Brandon Parade.
- ii) Agreement has been reached to pursue the demolition of a dilapidated outbuilding at the rear of Hamilton Road/Muir Street with the erection of a suitable safety fence securing the site from the adjacent Railway embankment.
- iii) Contract is about to be issued to secure the removal of chewing gum from the block pavements within the town centre.
- iv) Discussions are underway to secure improved co-ordination of town centre janitorial services across the various Council departmental responsibilities.

4. SUMMARY

- 4.1 Work is continuing on a number of short and medium term initiatives which will enhance the appearance and the long term viability of Motherwell Town Centre.

5. RECOMMENDATION

5.1 Members are asked to note the contents of this report.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stanley C. Cook". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'S' and 'C'.

Stanley C. Cook
DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Date: - 10 March 1999

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Background Papers:- Report by Director of Planning to Motherwell Area Committee dated 9/12/98
and 19/1/99
- Sustainability Checklist