

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

To: SCRUTINY PANEL (SERVICE DELIVERY AND PERFORMANCE)		Subject: BELLSHILL TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN – PHASE 1
From: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT		
Date: 9 March 2006	Ref: HQ/TT/04/15	

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Committee of the progress of the phase 1 traffic management works relating to the Bellshill Town Centre Action Plan as a comparison with the programme of works.

2. Background

- 2.1 A detailed programme indicating realistic timescales estimated for procuring and completing the works for the first phase of the Bellshill Town Centre Action Plan was presented at the Scrutiny Panel meeting of 3 November 2005. The Panel requested a further report to advise of progress.

3. Programme

- 3.1 Since the last report, the contract for the advanced public utility diversion work has been awarded at the Planning and Environment Committee of 1 February to W.J.Harte Construction Ltd. at a tender price of £180,054.45. The 12 week contract commenced on site on 16 February in line with the programme dates.
- 3.2 The lengthy discussions with utility companies regarding the extent of diversions or protection of apparatus, which delayed the start of the project, produced a reduction in cost from an original value of £820,713 to £138,533, a saving to the Council of £682,180. This required some minor amendment to the design and road levels.
- 3.2 The design and contract preparation for the main roundabout construction and road realignment at Belgrave Street/Gartcosh walk is complete and tenders have been issued. This is behind the programme dates but a shortened tender period and the 6 week float within the programme will still allow the main contract to follow on immediately after the service contract is complete as planned.
- 3.3 The Traffic Regulation Orders stopping up Main Street West at the Cross and converting Glebe Street to two-way are prepared for consultation. These have been held back from the programme dates in order to accommodate any alterations which may affect the orders as a result of the Main Street streetscape proposals currently being prepared but should still be in place as required for the completion of the roundabout.

- 3.4 Quotations are being obtained for undertaking advance ducting works at Hamilton Road/Glebe Street Junction for the installation of signals. It is hoped to carry out this work in March if contractors can accommodate it within their busy schedules at this time of year. This is advance work not critical to the current programme, and slippage of a few weeks would not affect the overall scheme.
- 3.5 Streetscape proposals are currently being prepared by Ironside Farrar Consultants in regular discussion with Council Officials. The extent of the works include Main Street between North Road and Thorn Road, John Street and sections of Motherwell Road and Neilson Street. These proposals will be the subject of a notice of intention to develop application, with associated public displays to ensure full consultation for the scheme before proceeding.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 Committee is asked to note:
- a) The ongoing status of the various Traffic projects in Bellshill.
 - b) The progress of the phase 1 works which are still on programme for completion in November 2006.



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