

REPORT

To: NORTH LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP		Subject: CUMBERNAULD & KILSYTH TOWN CENTRES REPORT
From: HEAD OF PLANNING & REGENERATION		
Date: 15 January 2015	Ref: PL/DIT/12/	

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 This report seeks to update the Partnership and Committee on the progress made in delivering the regeneration of Cumbernauld and Kilsyth Town Centres. It also provides an update on progress made on the preparation of new Town Centre Frameworks and Action Plans for both town centres.

2. Town Centre Frameworks

2.1 Following the end of the consultation period on the consultative draft documents the comments received are being considered prior to finalising the Town Centre Action Plan and presenting it for adoption as Supplementary Guidance to the North Lanarkshire Local Plan.

2.2 Public consultation on draft the Town Centre Framework and Action Plan for Kilsyth will commence in February/ March over an 8 week period. The consultation will be undertaken online through the Council's website. Following completion of public consultation the documents will be updated with comments received. Committee approval will then be sought to enable the adoption of the Kilsyth Town Centre Action Plan as Supplementary Guidance to the North Lanarkshire Local Plan (2012).

3. Project updates

3.1 Negotiations with SPT and land owners are continuing to find a way to progress and secure funding for upgrading the Cumbernauld Bus Stances.

4. Town Centre Activities Update

Source TCA Q2 2014/15 (Nov 2014)

Town Centre	Total No of Available Units	Total No of Active Businesses	New Business	Business Closed	Void Units (% vacancy rate)	Footfall between Q2 14/15 and Q1 14/15	Footfall between Q2 13/14 and Q2 14/15
Airdrie	316	287	1	2	29(9.1%)	-2%	1.1%
Bellshill	145	136	3	3	9(6.2%)	-2.8%	-1.6%
Coatbridge	230	182	4	4	48(20.8%)	2%	2.4%
Cumbernauld	215	169	3	1	46(21.3%)	2.77%	0.26%
Kilsyth	97	81	2	1	16(16.4%)	-0.4%	-4.87%
Motherwell	278	254	2	5	24(8.63%)	-7.5%	10.95%
Wishaw	301	255	5	4	46(15.2%)	-22%	-11%
TOTAL:	1582	1364	20	20	218 (13.7%)		

4.1 Cumbernauld continues to have the highest vacancy rate at just over 21% (46 units) when compared with the other town centres in North Lanarkshire. In the period from July to September 2014 three businesses have opened and one has closed.

4.2 Footfall figures for Cumbernauld in the period July to September 2014, as recorded on automated counters located around the centre (but not in the shopping malls), show an increase in levels of activity compared to the previous quarter April to June 2014, and a year ago.

- 4.3 Kilsyth has a vacancy rate of 16% (16 units) when compared with the other town centres in North Lanarkshire. In the period July to September 2014 two businesses opened and one closed.
- 4.4 Footfall figures for Kilsyth in the period July to September 2014, as recorded on automated counters located around the centre, show a decrease in levels of activity compared to the previous quarter April to June 2014, and a year ago.
- 4.5 Town Centre WiFi in Kilsyth received 73 new registrations between July and September this year bringing the total registrations to 75. There have been 281 log-ins over the period.

TOWN CENTRE WIFI	Airdrie	Bellshill	Coatbridge	Kilsyth	Motherwell	Wishaw
New Registrations	1,272	795	444	73	2,467	442
Total Registrations	1,284	902	517	75	6,841	1,512
Total Log-ins	11,483	6,704	2,432	281	26,787	5,770

Source: TCA Ltd July - September 2014

5. Recommendation

- 5.1 It is recommended that the Local Area Partnership note progress made on the projects and initiatives that have progressed recently within Cumbernauld and Kilsyth Town Centres.

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