

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL**  
**Airdrie Local Area Partnership**

To: AIRDRIE LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP		Subject:  Airdrie Town Centre Action Plan
From: HEAD OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT		
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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 Airdrie Town Centre Action Plan and the status of the projects and initiatives contained therein.

## 2. Background

- 2.1 The Airdrie 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 Airdrie Town Centre.

- 2.2 Environment Services will continue to build on the successes that have been achieved to date in implementing the plan. The following is an update on the individual projects contained within Airdrie Town Centre Action Plan which are under development:

- **Airdrie Town Centre Environmental Improvements (Phase 3)**  
Following completion of the works regular inspections are being carried out and a number of defects have been noted. These will be rectified in the coming months, following discussion with the contractor.
- **Airdrie Town Centre Environmental Improvements (Phase 2)**  
As indicated at a previous meeting of the Partnership a scheme of additional improvements has been developed for this phase, which has been in operation for over 3 years. This will include replacement paving, additional bollards to prevent off street parking and over run of the pedestrian areas and the alteration of some of the planting beds.
- **Additional improvement Works**  
A scheme of minor improvement works has also recently seen lanes at the Broomknoll Church and Callon Street car park being re-surfaced, new parking bays being installed at the top cross and will see new lighting in Broomknoll and Stirling Street.
- **Mill Street Masterplan**  
The construction of the Business Centre, environmental enhancements and development of car parking, have delivered on three elements contained within this Masterplan. In light of this and changes within the business environment since the plan was developed it will now be revised to identify further deliverable outcomes to support the Town Centre and its economy.
- **Car Parking Enhancement**  
Construction has begun of additional car parking within the town centre, on the former gasholder site utilising money from the vacant and derelict land fund. This will provide much needed public car parking readily accessible to South Bridge Street for people entering the

Town Centre from the north and accessible to Graham Street via the improved footpath network at the Business Centre.

- **Traffic Modelling**

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

### 3. Summary

- 3.1 The progress with projects and initiatives identified within the Airdrie Town Centre Action Plan during 2006/07 amounted to an investment of almost £7M. 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 Airdrie Town Centre Action Plan.



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