

# REPORT TO CABINET

REPORT OF: Head of Planning Policy & Economic Regeneration

REPORT NO. PLA.508

DATE: 11<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2005

<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN - CONSULTATION DRAFT</b>
<b>FORWARD PLAN ITEM:</b>	Yes
<b>DATE WHEN FIRST APPEARED IN FORWARD PLAN:</b>	16 <sup>TH</sup> June 2005
<b>KEY DECISION OR POLICY FRAMEWORK PROPOSAL:</b>	Key Decision

<b>COUNCIL AIMS/PORTFOLIO HOLDER NAME AND DESIGNATION:</b>	Economic Cllr John Smith
<b>CORPORATE PRIORITY:</b>	Town Centres and the development of Grantham as a Sub-Regional Centre
<b>CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS:</b>	Some elements of the Action Plan will contribute positively to the Crime and Disorder Reduction issues
<b>FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT IMPLICATIONS:</b>	None
<b>BACKGROUND PAPERS:</b>	Background papers are listed in footnotes within the Action Plan

## **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND SUMMARY**

**A Town Centre Action Plan has been developed to map out proposals to deliver step changes in the district's town centres; recognised by the Council as a priority area for action. The Action Plan, which it is recommended be published for consultation purposes, reviews town centre activity to date, principally through the activities of Town Centre Management Partnerships. It also comes forward with a series of general and town specific actions to secure more effective partnerships and localised town centre enhancements.**

## **2. DETAILS OF REPORT**

**A copy of the Draft Town Centre Action Plan, which includes an executive summary and a summary of actions is attached to this report.**

## **3. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND ASSESSED**

**Given the recognition of Town Centres as a priority area, it was considered that a comprehensive Action Plan was the most appropriate mechanism to determine a future programme of activities to bring about tangible improvements to our town centre areas. Many issues have a general applicability across all the district's towns.**

## **4. COMMENTS OF DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND STRATEGIC RESOURCES**

**The Director of Finance and Strategic Resources has been consulted in the preparation of this report. A separate report relating to the Capital Projects accompanies this report**

## **5. RECOMMENDATIONS**

**It is recommended that the Draft Town Centre Action Plan be published for consultation purposes , prior to re-presentation to Cabinet.**

## **6. CONTACT OFFICER**

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