

REPORT TO CABINET

REPORT OF: Head of Planning Policy & Economic Regeneration

REPORT NO. PLA.508

DATE: 11TH JULY 2005

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

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