

Decision Maker: Renewal and Recreation PDS Committee

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Decision Type: Non-Urgent Non-Executive Non-Key

Title: TOWN CENTRES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME UPDATE

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Ward: All Wards

1. **Reason for report**

1.1 To update Members of progress on delivering the Town Centres Development Programme.

2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

Members

2.1. Note the progress on the delivery of the Town Centres Development Programme.

Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy: Bromley Town Area Action Plan
 2. BBB Priority: Vibrant, Thriving Town Centres:
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: NA
 2. Ongoing costs: Non-Recurring Cost:
 3. Budget head/performance centre: Renewal and Capital Programme
 4. Total current budget for this head: £133k and £3.257m
 5. Source of funding: Town Centre Development Fund, capital receipts and TfL funding
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Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): 5
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours:
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Non-Statutory - Government Guidance:
 2. Call-in: Applicable:
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): Borough-wide
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? No:
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: N/A

3. COMMENTARY

Development Programme

- 3.1 Attached as **Appendix 1** is an update on the progress that has been made in delivering each of the individual projects that make up the Development Programme. Members are asked to note the following key milestones that have been achieved since the last update report to the R&R PDS:
- Following feedback from Councillors and local traders officers have worked with the Council's contractors Conway to revise the delivery programme for Bromley North Village to ensure the early delivery of the scheme. This has now been completed and the revised programme is attached as **Appendix 2**. Through a combination of weekend working and revisions to the programme it is proposed that the scheme will now be completed before the end of November 2014 to allow the free running of buses through Market Square and High Street North.

4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Work delivering the Town Centres Development Programme is entirely consistent with Policy Objectives set out in Building A Better Bromley 2011-2012 and the Renewal & Recreation Portfolio Business Plan 2013/14. The work of the Renewal team links to the Building a Better Bromley priorities by working towards the provision of Vibrant and Thriving Town Centres.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 A sum of £233k was set aside by Members to fund the Town Centre Development Programme. To date £100K has been spent leaving a balance of £133K available to fund specialist advice for the remaining part of the process.
- 5.2 On 16 December 2013, Transport for London(TfL) confirmed that the bid for Beckenham Town Centre had been approved and that £164k had been allocated for 2014/15 to fund the design work. TfL require specific 'gateways' to be met by the design work before the £2.181m balance of funding will be released. Full Council on 2 December 2013 agreed to add the Beckenham Town Centre Improvement Scheme, with a total estimated cost of £3.257m, to the capital programme.

Non-Applicable Sections:	Legal and Personnel Implications
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	NA