
To: Communities, Housing and Planning Policy Board

On: 13 March 2018

Report by: Acting Director of Development and Housing Services

**Heading: Paisley Town Centre Conservation Area Appraisal and
Conservation Area Management Plan 2018**

1. Summary

- 1.1 The Paisley Town Centre Draft Conservation Area Appraisal and Draft Conservation Management Plan were produced in support of the approved grant funding secured for the delivery of the Paisley Town Centre Townscape Heritage/Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme 2, and in the context of the Scottish Government's PAN71: Conservation Area Management (2004).
 - 1.2 The Board approved the Draft Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan at its meeting on 7th November 2017 and authorised the Director of Development and Housing Services to carry out a consultation exercise. The consultation has now been completed and responses incorporated into the finalised documents.
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2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Board:
 - i. Approves the Paisley Town Centre Conservation Area Appraisal and Conservation Area Management Plan 2018.
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3. Background

- 3.1 The consultation exercise took place in the Lagoon Centre and Paisley Central Library, running over two weeks from Monday 22nd January until Saturday 3rd February 2018. An exhibition was on display with feedback cards for comments.
- 3.2 Staff were available at four 3-hour sessions to answer questions and encourage consultees to complete feedback cards.
- 3.3 The consultation exercise was publicised on the Council's website, with an online questionnaire available throughout the consultation period.

4. Consultation responses

- 4.1 The consultation exhibition was located in the Lagoon Centre and Paisley Central Library. There was a higher footfall at the Lagoon Centre but overall the exhibition attracted comments from a wide variety of interested parties including residents, visitors, businesses and community groups. A total of 26 written responses were received from the exhibitions and online survey.
- 4.2 In general, the responses were positive with a number of key themes being raised including:
 - Recognition of the value of the heritage within Paisley Town Centre
 - Perception of too many vacant units in the High Street and a need to diversify the use of the town centre
 - Poor condition of buildings and the importance of preservation in association with new development
 - General support for the key character areas identified in the Conservation Area Appraisal
 - General support for the objectives identified in the Conservation Area Management Plan
 - Good level of awareness of the current TH/CARS2 project and its aims and objectives
- 4.3 Responses have been taken into consideration and the documents revised accordingly.

5. Next steps

- 5.1 The finalised Paisley Town Centre Conservation Area Appraisal 2018 and Conservation Area Management Plan 2018 are available on the Council's website (<http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/article/2494/Paisley-Town-Centre-Conservation-Area>).
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Implications of the Report

1. Financial –

Associated costs for the delivery of the consultation programme utilised approved Council budgets for the implementation of the Paisley Town Centre Heritage Regeneration Strategy, approved by Council in February 2014 and February 2015.

2. HR & Organisational Development – None

3. Community Planning –

Community Care, Health & Well-being – The delivery of actions within the Heritage Regeneration Strategy have the potential to positively impact on physical, emotional and mental health and wellbeing.

Jobs & Economy – An improved town centre, in terms of the quality of the built environment, will contribute to successful area regeneration and contribute positively to local community and economic growth.

4. Legal – None

5. Property/Assets – None

6. Information Technology – None

7. Equality & Human Rights –

The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in this report. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website.

8. Health & Safety - None

9. Procurement - None

10. Risk - None

11. Privacy Impact - None

12. COSLA Policy Position - None

List of Background Papers

- (a) Paisley Town Centre Conservation Area Character Appraisal 2018 (<http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/article/2494/Paisley-Town-Centre-Conservation-Area>)
- (b) Paisley Town Centre Conservation Area Management Plan 2018 (<http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/article/2494/Paisley-Town-Centre-Conservation-Area>)
- (c) Report to Communities, Housing and Planning Policy Board: 7 November 2017, 'Draft Paisley Town Centre Conservation Area Appraisal and Conservation Area Management Plan'.

The foregoing background papers will be retained within Development and Housing Services for inspection by the public for the prescribed period of four years from the date of the meeting. The contact officer within the service is Susan Jones.

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