

Scotland...

A Nation of Towns

Towns and Cities as Environmental,
Economic and Social Engines

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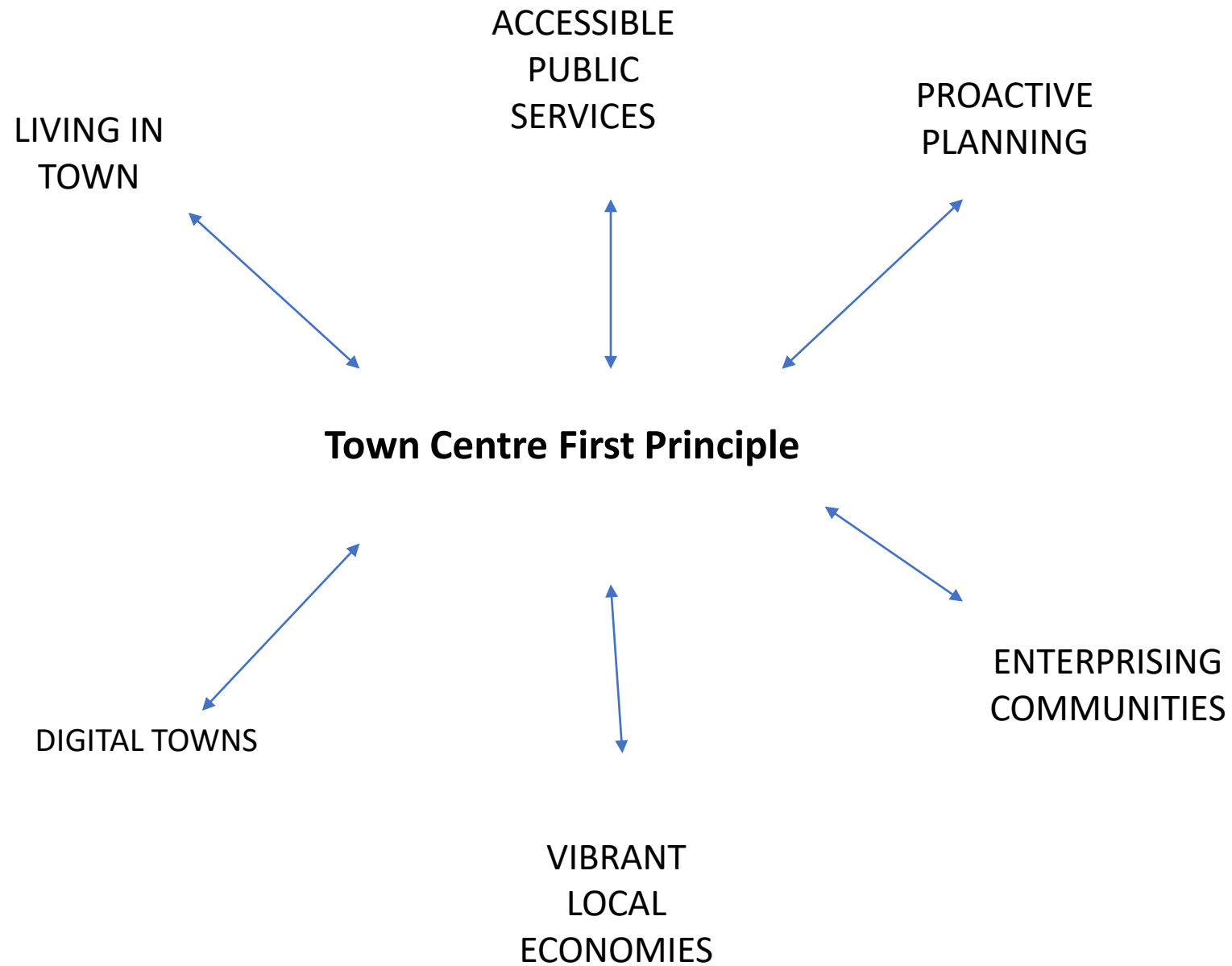


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National Review of Town Centres External Advisory Group Report:
Community and Enterprise in Scotland's Town Centres

Town Centre Action Plan - the Scottish Government response





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STP is the go-to body for Scotland's towns; a hub for promoting all things towns, and a hive of activity to help you learn, connect, find practical support and advice, and share good practice and knowledge. It is a

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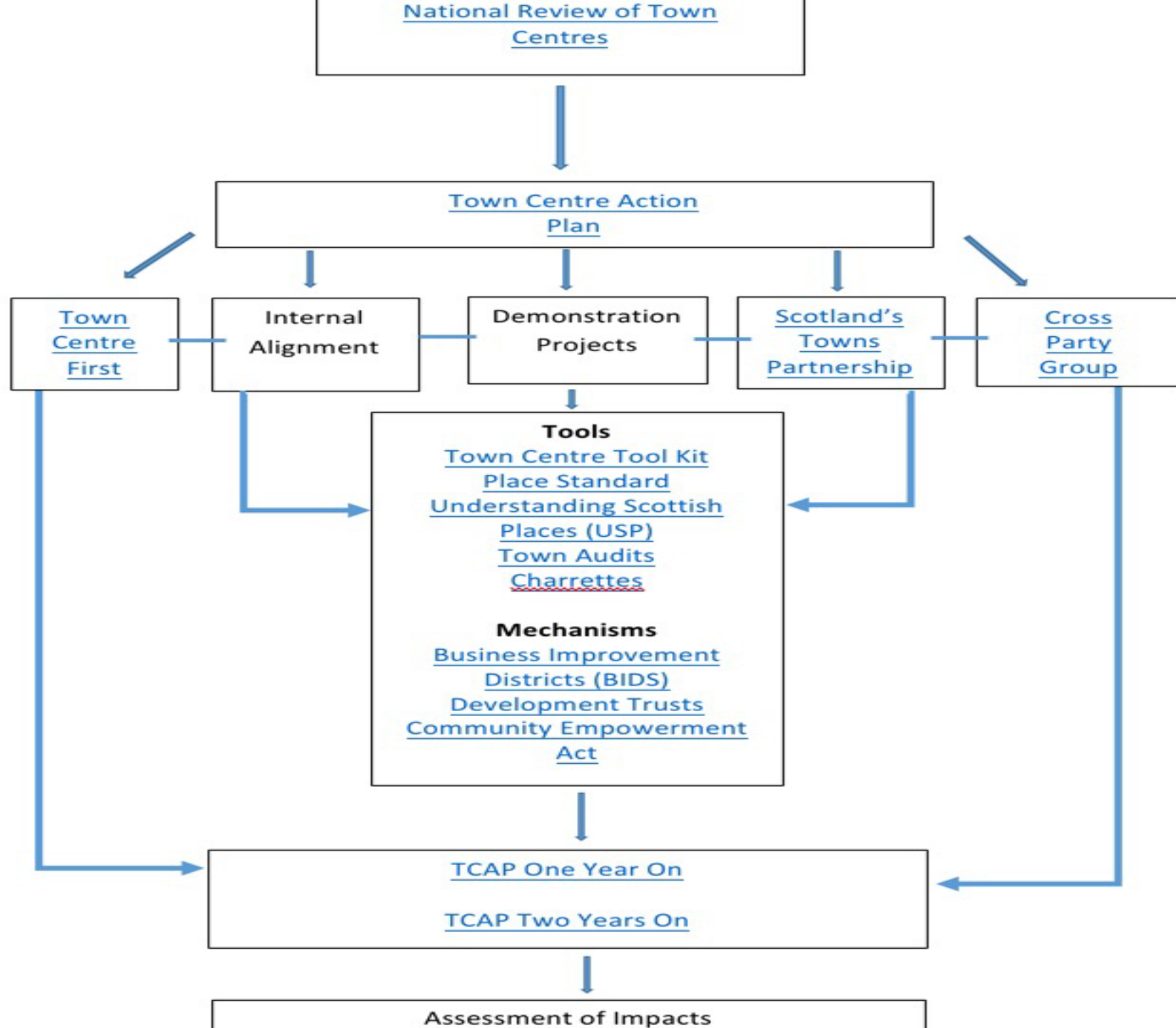


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WEST LoTHIAN

POPULATION **13,462**

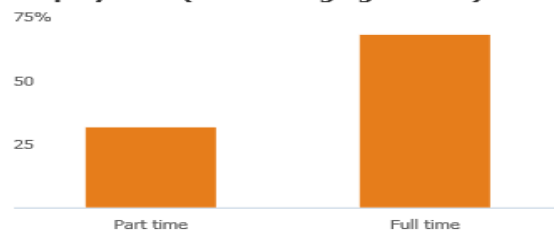
Linlithgow in West Lothian was a Roman fort and later an historic burgh. As a favourite with royalty (the palace is 12th century) it obtained commercial privileges. These declined after the reformation and the Union of the Crowns. In the 19th and early 20th centuries industries included the Nobel explosive works, tanneries and a distillery. Since the 1960s redevelopment of the town and new housing have seen its popularity with commuters increase. It remains a local service centre.

This type of large town is a suburban or commuter locality with a prevalence of higher income and private housing. A large proportion of the population are over 45, and many are retired. Many people own their home. There is also a high proportion of people in professional employment and a high proportion of residents are

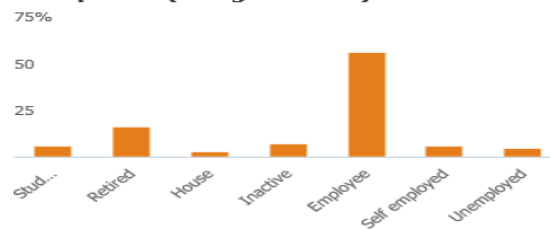


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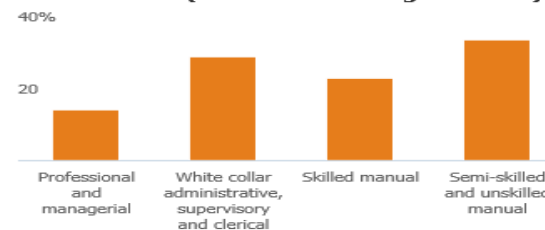
Employment (% working age 16-74)



Occupation (% aged 16-74)



Social Grade (% households aged 16-64)



Sector Diversity



Distance travelled to work

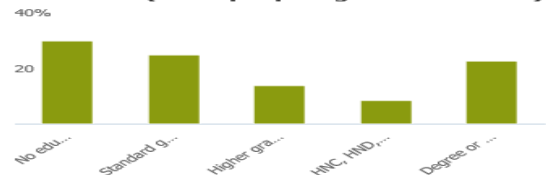


Jobs

19k

More than similar towns per head of population

Education (% all people aged 16 and over)



Children in primary schools

3k

More than similar towns per head of population

Children in secondary schools

2k

Fewer than similar towns per head of population

Hospitals

12

More than similar towns per head of population

GP Surgeries

5

Fewer than similar towns per head of population

Commercial

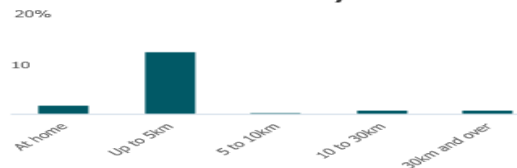
Number of people per shop

56

More than similar towns per head of population

Social

Distance travelled to study



Number of residents per charity

119

More than similar towns per head of population

Discover

Melrose has similar levels of mining jobs, and multiperson student households.

Bellsbank has similar levels of health jobs, and residents aged 45-64 years.

To gain more insight into Dumfries, compare it to any of the other towns included in USP.

COMPARE TOWNS

The USP Audit helps you collect local data about your town. It is designed to complement the national data presented on this page, enabling you to build up a fuller picture of your town.

FIND OUT MORE



Your Town Audit: Alloa

September 2015

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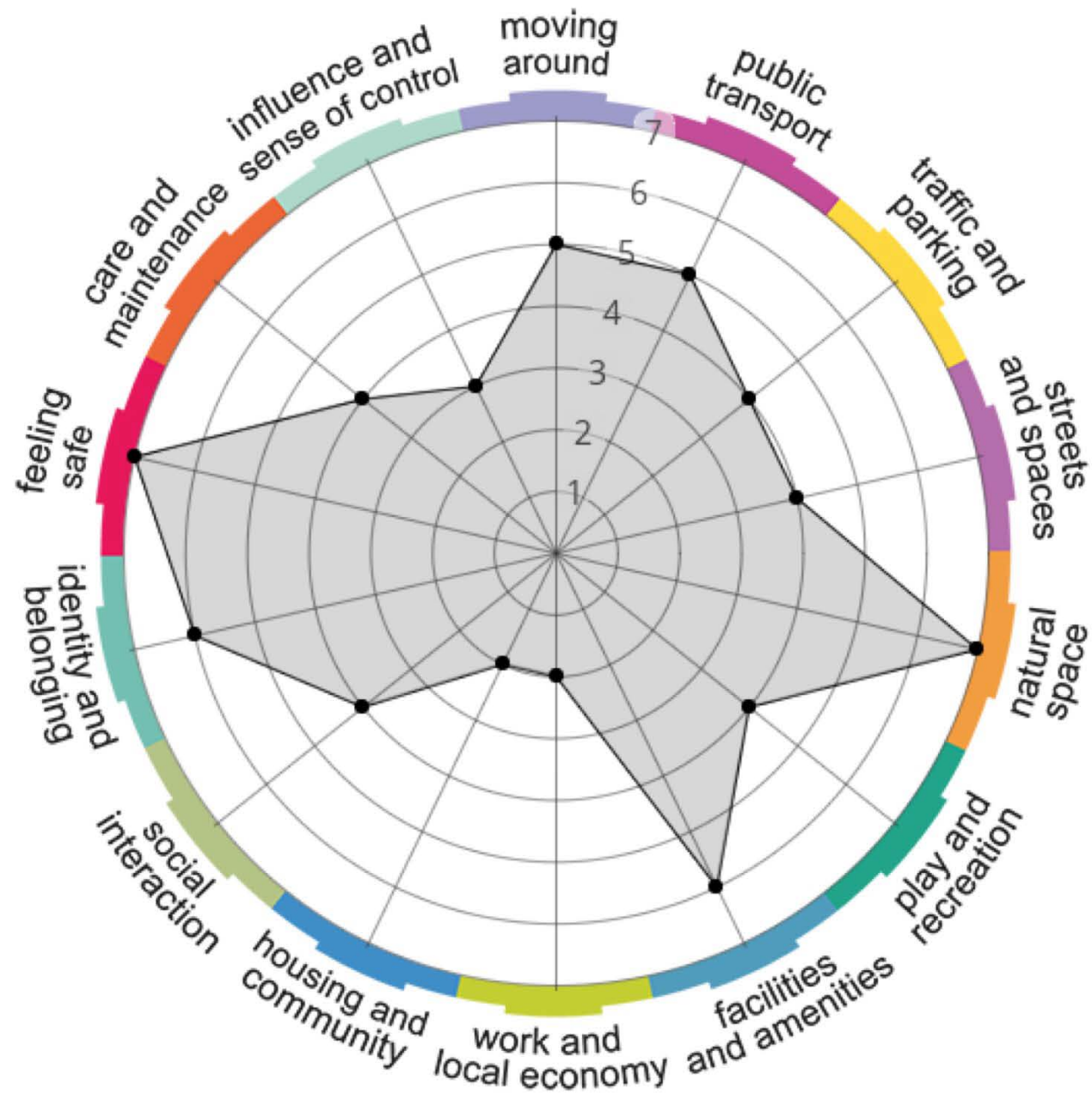
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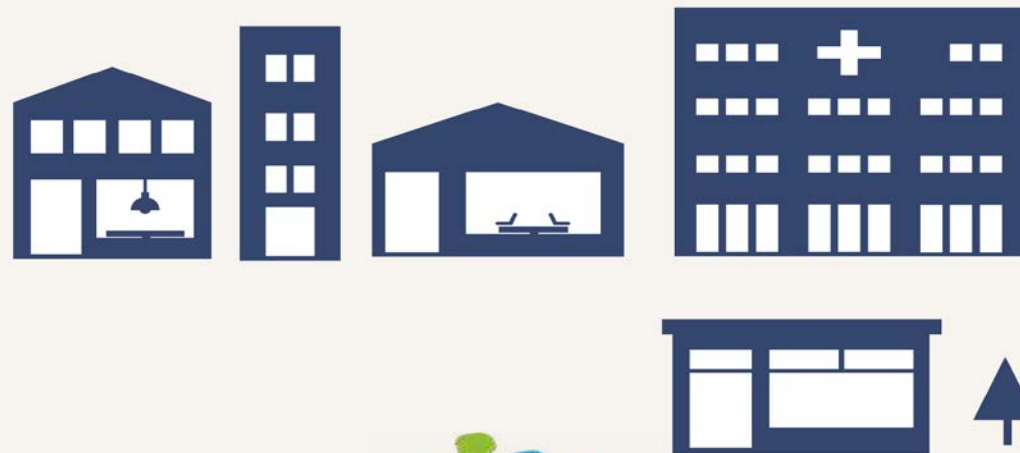
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CREATING BETTER TOWNS

AIDE-MEMOIRE



Ask your MSP to help you raise the profile of your town

Host your MSP during Parliamentary Recess (2nd July – 4th September)



Show your MSP the opportunities and concerns for your town centre, its businesses and the community

Share your town's story with the Scotland's towns network



Contact Rebecca Mather rebecca@scotlandstowns.org or Tweet [#MSPTownTime](https://twitter.com/MSPTownTime)

FORRES

How can we begin to describe our amazing Forres High Street in only 300 words? Impossible.

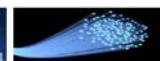


Forres is the floral capital of Moray and has won Beautiful Scotland, Britain in Bloom and Entente Florale Europe accolades for over 50 years. Throughout the seasons the street is a ribbon of colour with flower beds and over 100 containers and hanging baskets giving delight to residents and visitors.

These compliment our distinctive and attractive buildings, the oldest dating from the 1600s and many from the nineteenth century with intriguing architectural features. From the west the War Memorial, St Laurence Church, the Tolbooth and Market Cross, the Falconer Museum, The Town Hall formerly the Mechanics Institute, Anderson's Primary School, Saints Laurence's, Leonard's, Margaret's and John's Churches all leading to Grant Park, the jewel in the crown.

Follow the famous footsteps: King David 1st who gifted the Common Good Land, to the people of Forres for their warm welcome, a commendation we strive to keep alive today; King Sueno whose stone is the tallest Pictish cross slab in Scotland; Macbeth, the good king, whose fort overlooked the High Street from the top of Cluny Hill; the Wolf of Badenoch who sacked the town; Lord Strathcona, co founder of the Canadian Pacific Railway; Hugh Falconer, contemporary of Darwin who brought tea from China to India; Sir Alexander Grant, whose business invented the Digestive Biscuit. We endeavour to preserve our history as shown by the Community Transfer of the Tolbooth and Nelson Tower to the Heritage Trust supported and run by a large team of volunteers.

More than 100 years of history, architecture, infrastructure, business, community, all Forres.



March 2017

FUTURETOWN DESIGN COMPETITION

DO YOU HAVE AN IDEA FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR TOWNS?



We all used to live in town centres, why can't we live there again? How can town centres stimulate low carbon and sustainable living; encourage digital and enterprise promoted tourism; culture, health and well-being; deliver connectivity and economic growth and ultimately become places of opportunity and choice for all?

"Draw or photograph your idea for one spot in our FutureTown to be voted for by the public and displayed at STC16"

Submit your sketch, drawing or image along with 100 words about your idea by 22nd October to akshita.bajpai@scotlandstowns.org 01312471424
http://www.scotlandstowns.org/futuretown_design_competition

STC2017

SCOTLAND'S TOWNS CONFERENCE
21 November 2017, Paisley Town Hall

KEEP IT LOCAL



CONNECTING SCOTLAND'S TOWNS...

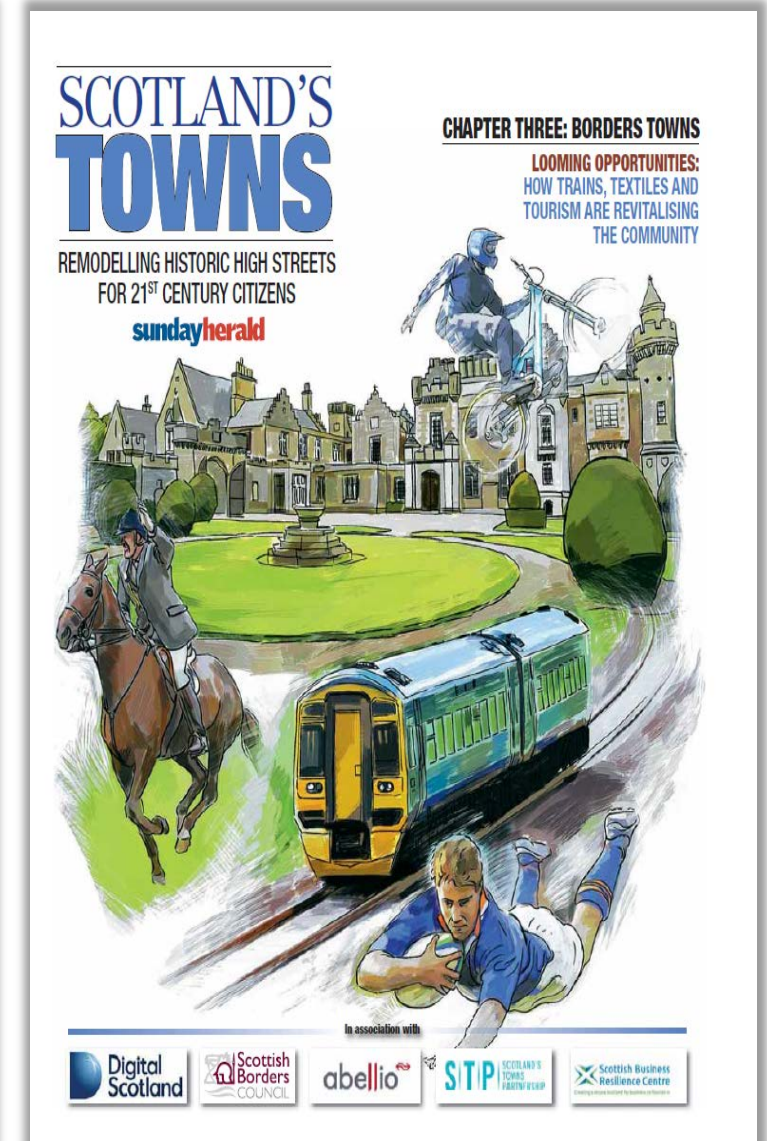
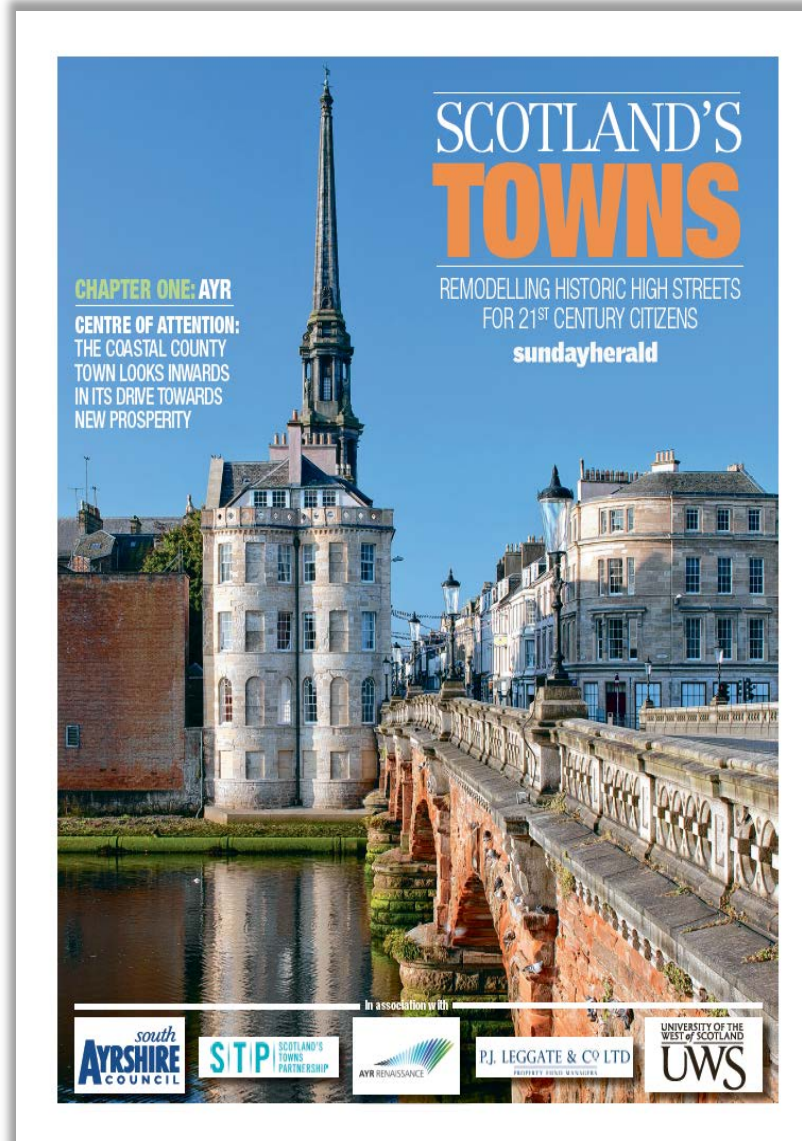
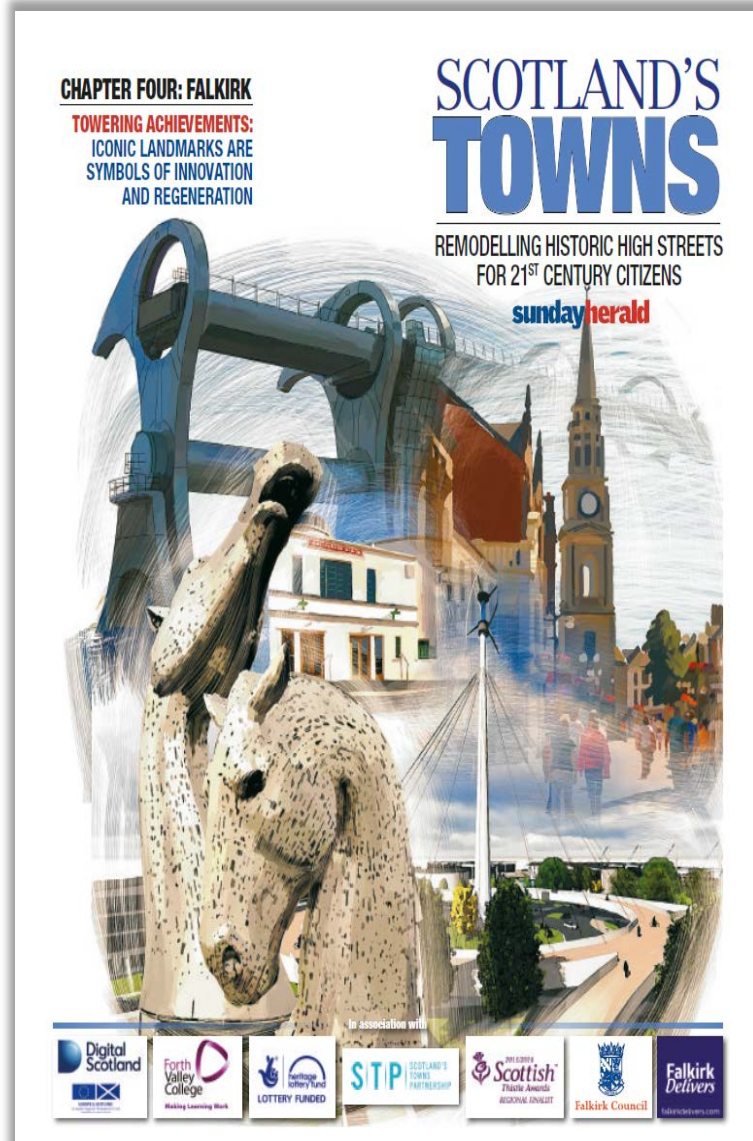


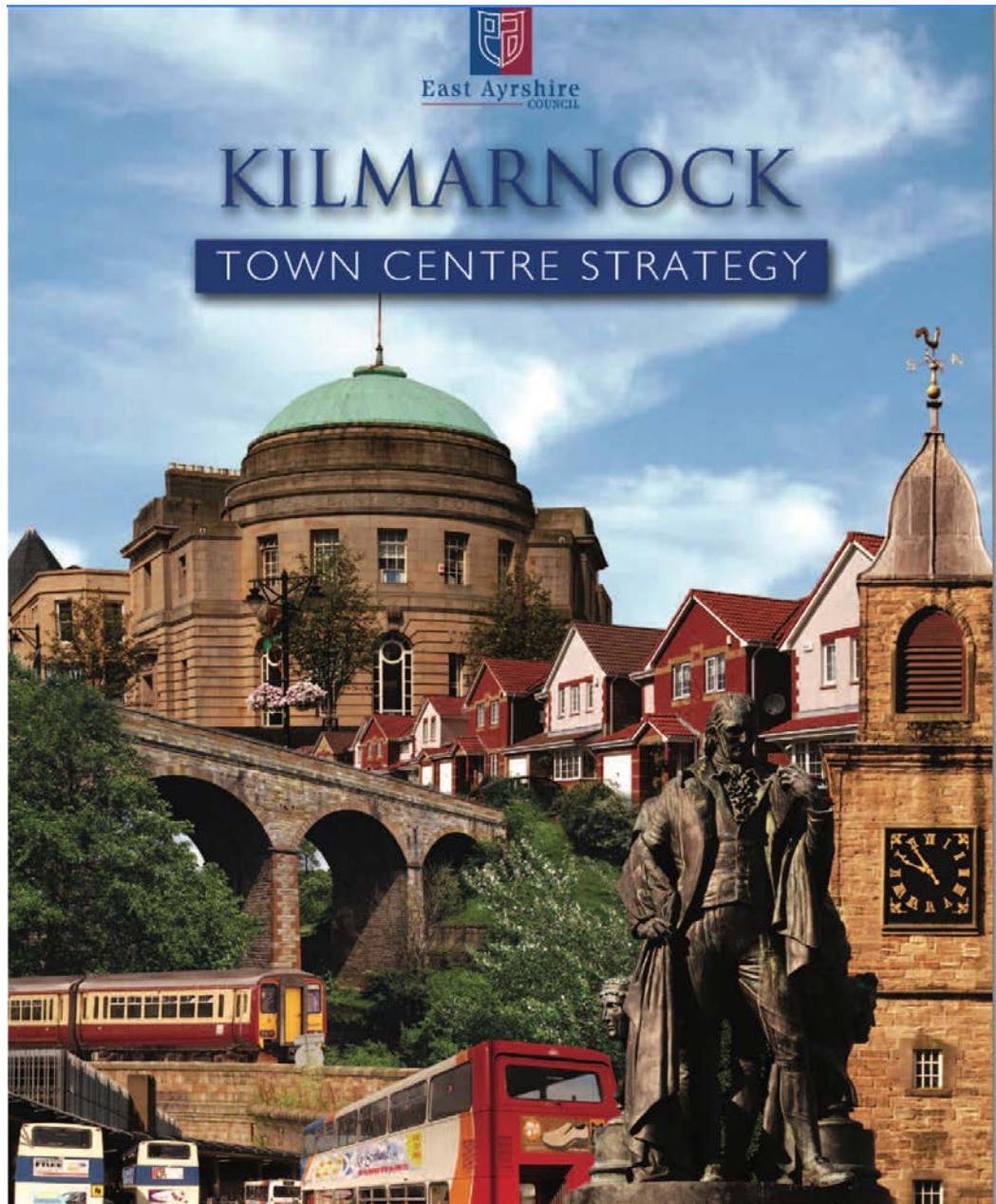
Scotland's Towns Week

7 – 13 November 2016



National Media Platform





**200 new Council Homes –
redevelopment of five former retail and
derelict sites within town centre –
brining a new mixed community
together and valuable footfall**

**280 new jobs created in vacant town
centre start up units**

**500 folk spending £10 day = £9m over 5
years**

**900 Council staff moved into former
Whisky Bond in Town Centre - £6m over
5 years**

**New College – 2,000 regular students in
town - £12.5m**

Paisley

Redevelopment of former Council Offices, the Arnotts complex, significant development of Unite student flats in the former office space at the Piazza as well as space above shops on High Street. Key is partnership with Council, BID, CPP, College and University all engaging together to deliver a relevant and mixed solution that works for the town.

This has led to hundreds of people living within the town, reclaiming and energising the space, creating new community, passive surveillance, reducing anti social elements, normalising the environment, bringing valuable footfall and economic activity.

City of Culture..a great start





Fife – The redevelopment of County Buildings in Cupar for Affordable Housing and the redevelopment of former Town House in Lochgelly for mid-market rent. Both have stimulated further housing development within the Councils Affordable Housing Programme, Ore Valley HA and Kingdom Housing.



Again in Cupar – The Inner Court Development. Council are working with the Cupar Development Trust and Kingdom Housing to redevelop a Council gap site and some backlands into 32 affordable units, 5 of which will be live work units and also half a dozen creative industry business units. Project will cost around £7.5M. Linking working to living and supporting future economy.

Falkirk

Has plans for student flats linked to the new college complex and currently building flats as part of THI





**SCOTLAND'S
IMPROVEMENT
DISTRICTS**



SCOTLAND'S IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS

A local focus with a national impact



SCOTLAND'S IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS

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A word cloud titled "Towns" in large blue letters. The words are arranged in a circular pattern around the center. The words include: Auchterarder, Burean, Dundas, Speyside, Ferry, Bush, Nairn, North, Bones, East, Valley, Drink, Canal, Zone, Port, Tweed, One, Centre, Road, Selkirk, Dalkeith, Old, Marketing, Helix, Estate, Dingwall, City, Annan, Lothian, Glasgow, Wheel, Food, Dundee, Midlothian, and Park.



BID

Business
Improvement District
– core delivery
vehicle, business
plan, financial and
legal model, flexible
and resourced

Community

Community Council
Social Enterprise
Third Sector
Anchor, RSL's
Development Trust
Public Crowd
Funding
Community Groups
Wider Grant
Funding
Volunteering
Community
Empowerment
Local Democracy

Corporate

Investors and
Developers
Shopping Centres
Transportation
Retailers
Energy and Utilities
Finance Sector
Telecomms
Housebuilders
Tourism
Corporate Social
Responsibility
Corporate
Volunteering

Public

Council
Schools, Colleges and
Universities
NHS and RSL's
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SCOTLAND'S
PLACE
LEADERSHIP
SUMMIT

21 November,
BT Murrayfield



We recognise that: Place is where people, resources and location combine to create a sense of identity and purpose, and are at the heart of addressing the needs and meeting the full potential of communities. Places are shaped by the way that resources, services and assets are directed and used by the people who live in and invest in them. A more joined up, collaborative and participative approach to services, land and buildings, across all sectors within a place, enables better outcomes for everyone and increased opportunities for people and communities to shape their own lives. **The Principle requests that:** All those responsible for providing services and looking after assets in a place need to work and plan together, and with local communities, to improve the lives of people and support inclusive growth and create more successful places. **We commit to taking:** A collaborative, place based approach with a shared purpose to create a clear way forward for all services, assets and investments which will maximise the impact of their combined resources.”

£50m Town Centre Boost Fund

