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A Nation of Towns

Towns as Economic and Social
Engines – Building Community
Wealth

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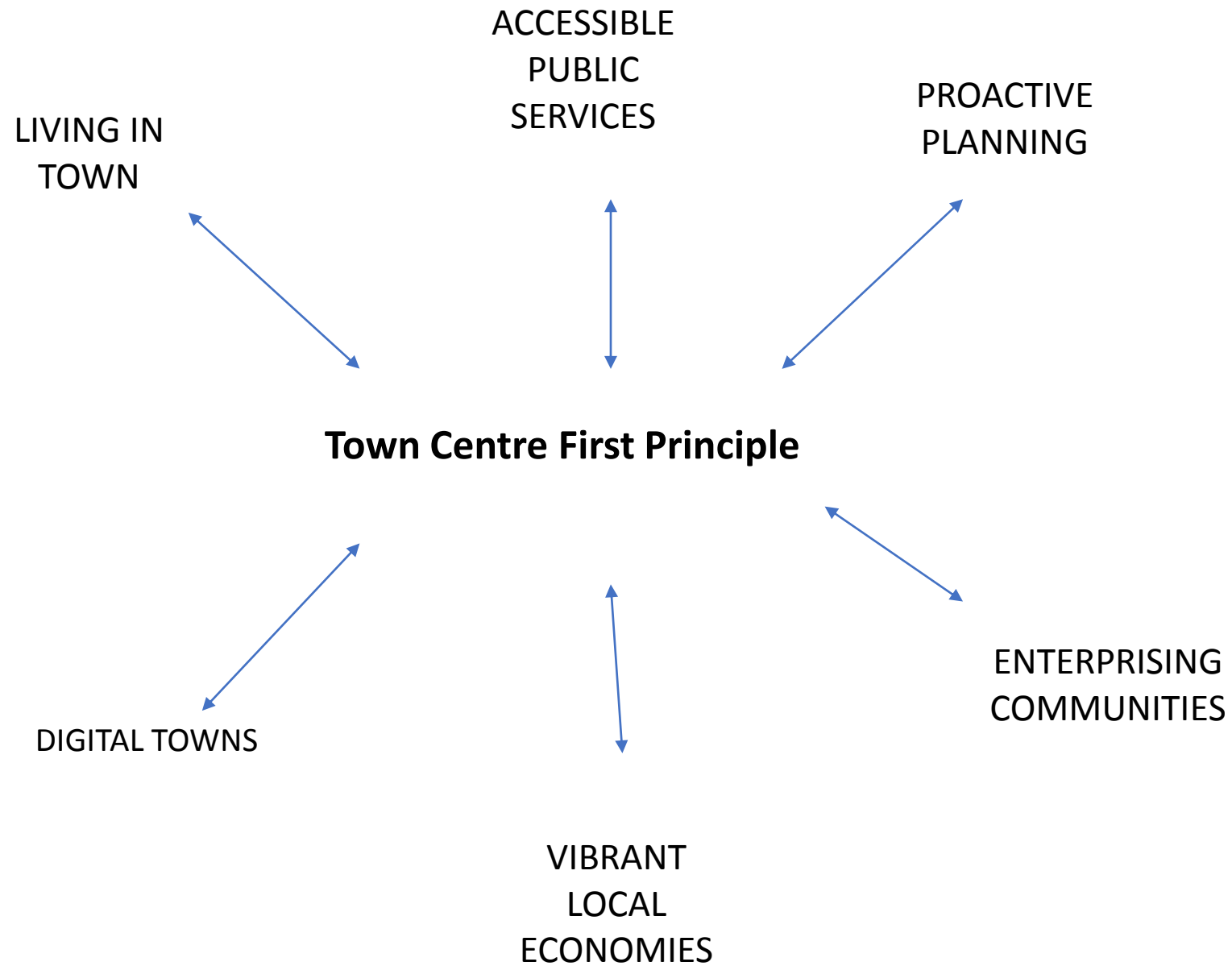


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National Review of Town Centres External Advisory Group Report:
Community and Enterprise in Scotland's Town Centres

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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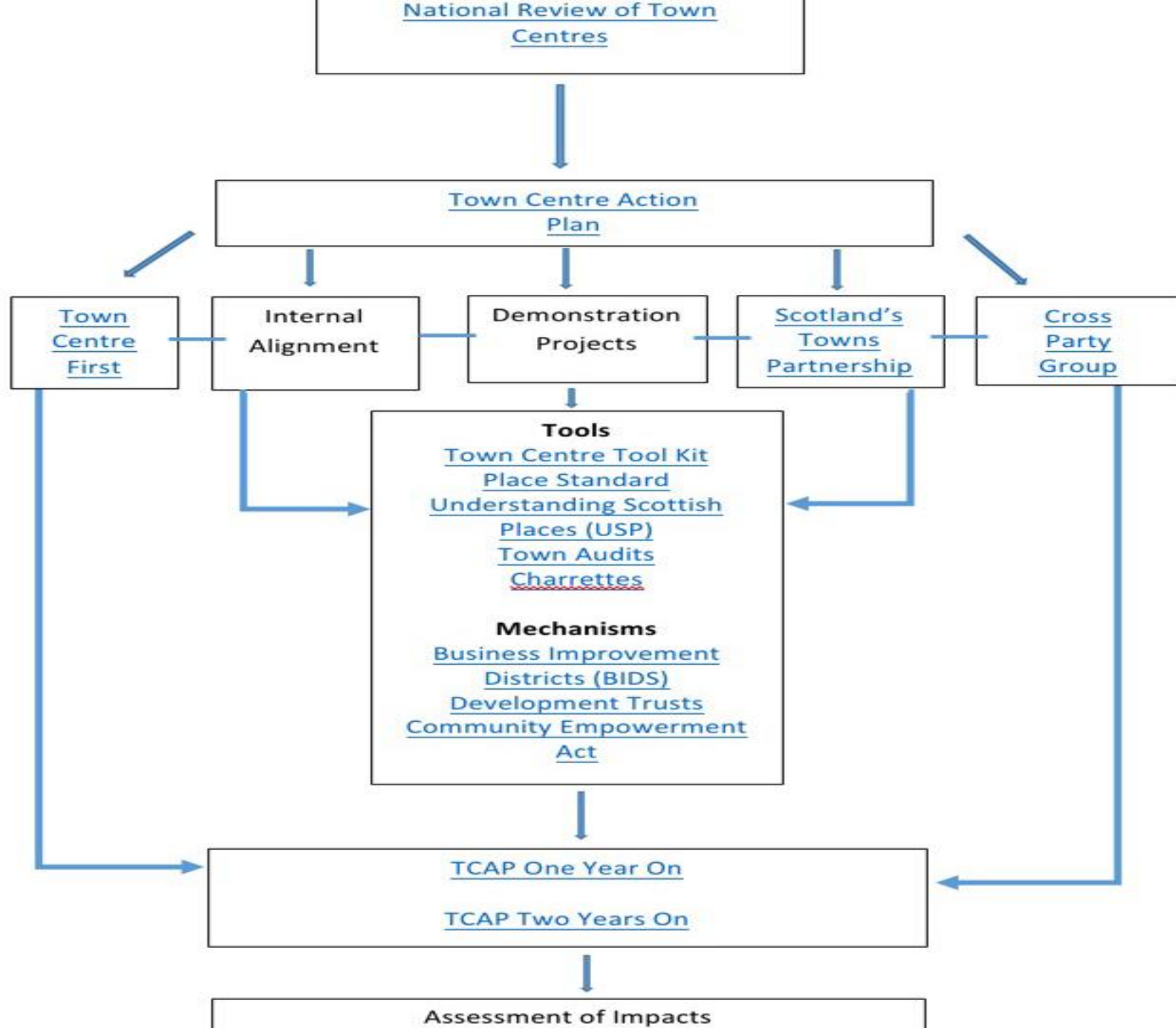


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WEST LOTHIAN

POPULATION **13,462**

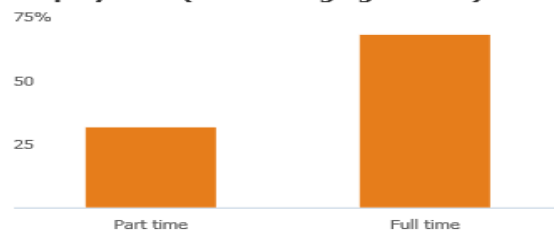
Linlithgow in West Lothian was a Roman fort and later an historic burgh. As a favourite with royalty (the palace is 12th century) it obtained commercial privileges. These declined after the reformation and the Union of the Crowns. In the 19th and early 20th centuries industries included the Nobel explosive 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

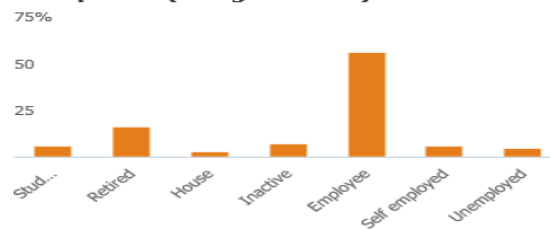


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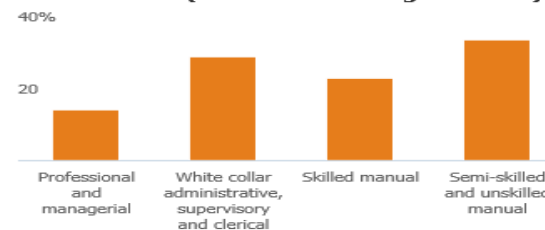
Employment (% working age 16-74)



Occupation (% aged 16-74)



Social Grade (% households aged 16-64)



Sector Diversity



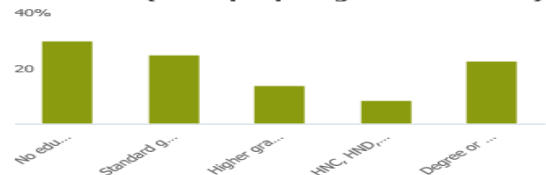
Distance travelled to work



Jobs



Education (% all people aged 16 and over)



Children in primary schools



Children in secondary schools



Hospitals



GP Surgeries



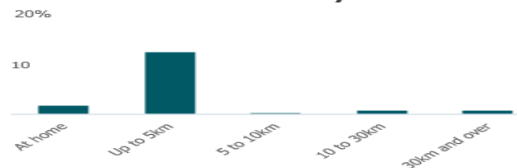
Commercial

Number of people per shop

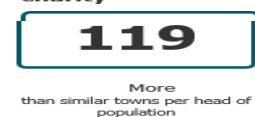


Social

Distance travelled to study



Number of residents per charity



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.

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Your Town Audit:

Alloa

September 2015

Active

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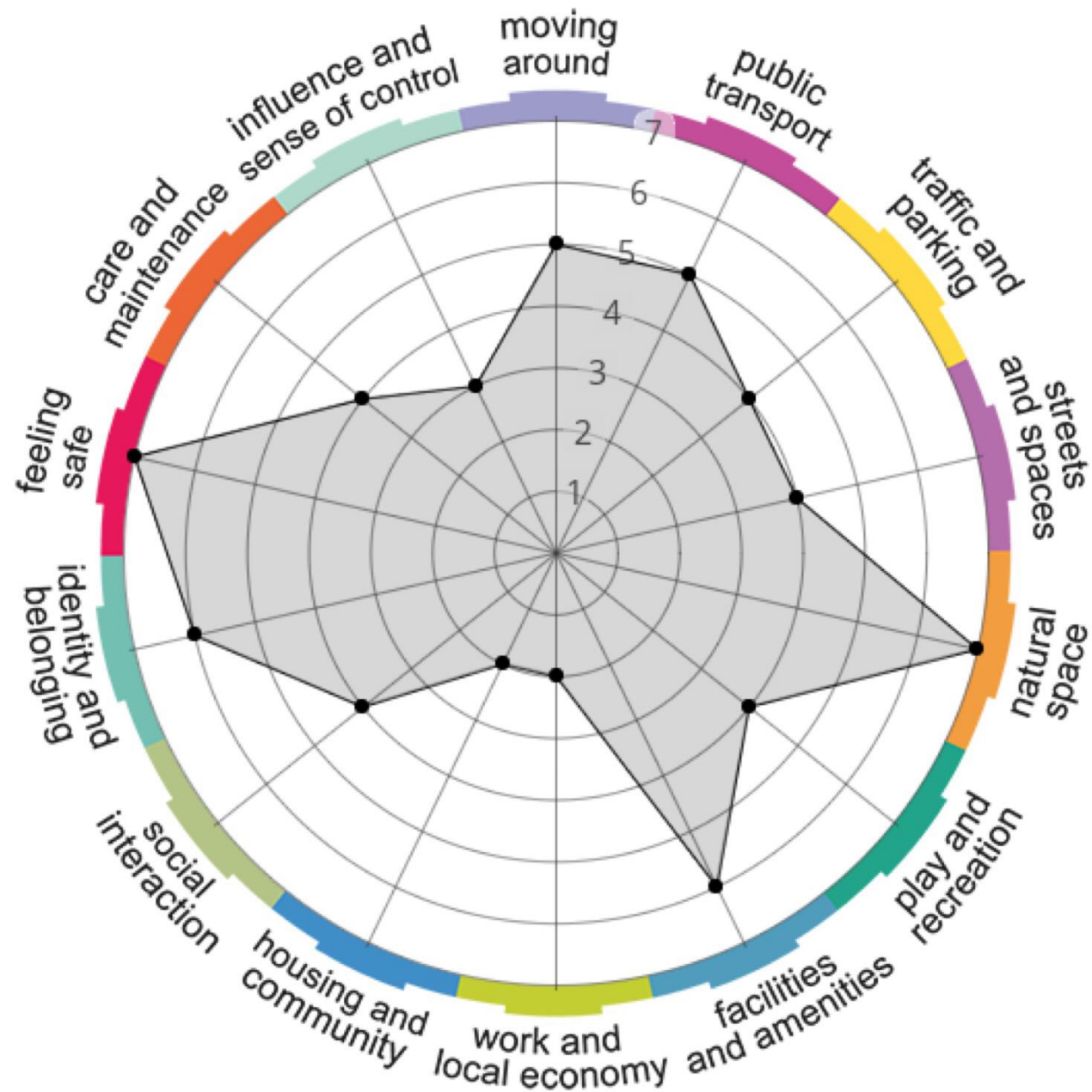
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Ask your MSP to help you raise the profile of your town

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.

We have it all - green spaces, infrastructure, business, architecture, all sort



March 2017

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

KEEP IT LOCAL



CONNECTING SCOTLAND'S TOWNS...

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"

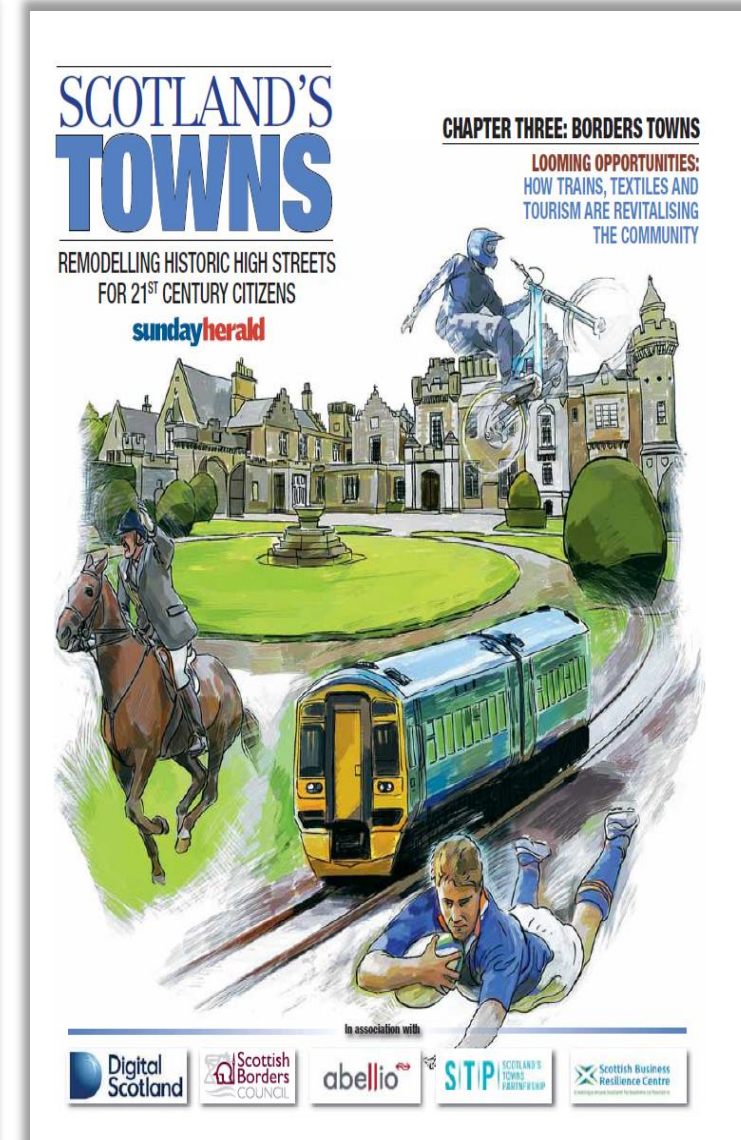
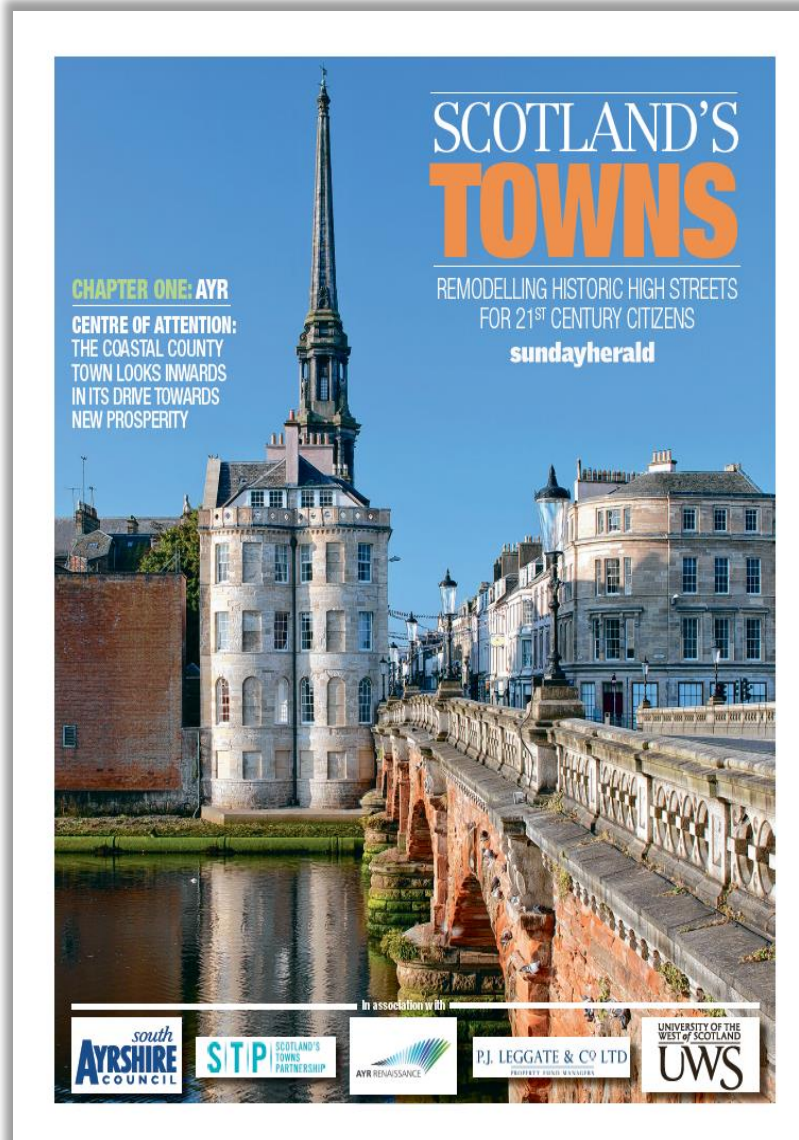
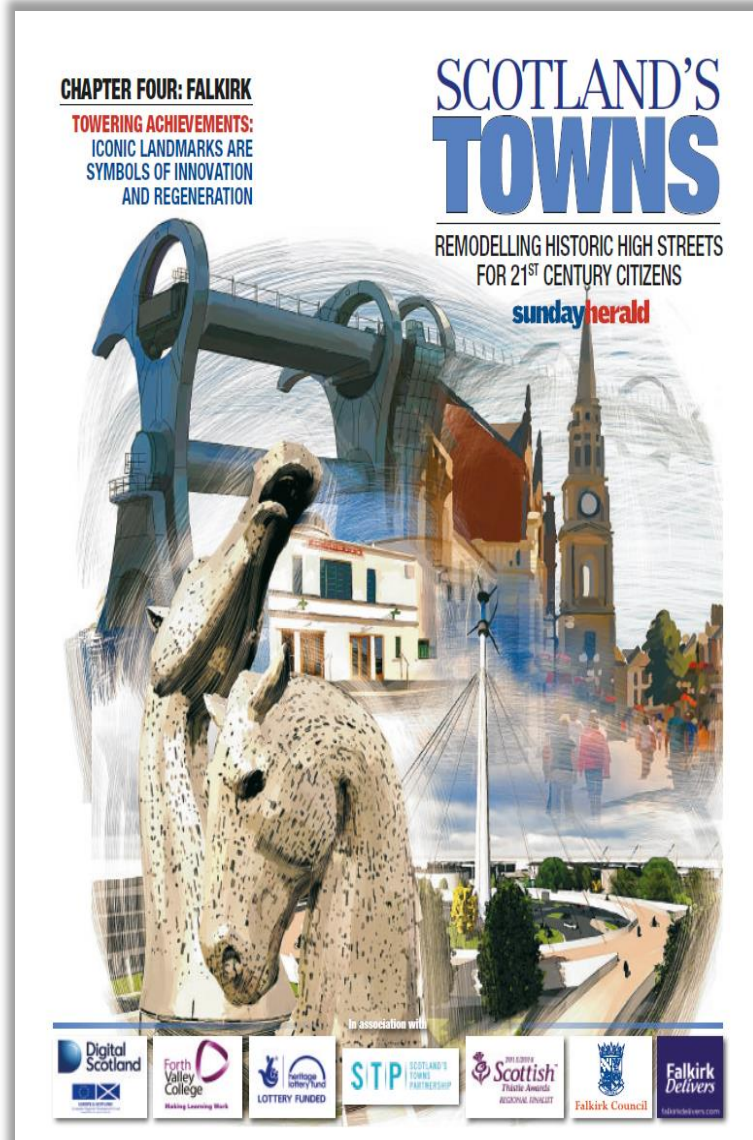
Submit your sketch, drawing or image along with 100 words about your idea by 22nd October to Akshita Bajpai akshita@scotlandstowns.org 01312471424
http://www.scotlandstowns.org/futuretown_design_competition



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A local focus with a national impact



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BID
Delivers
Inverness
Glasgow Snow Centre
Town
Road
First
Living
Aberdeen
Kirkcaldy
Stirling
Elgin
Peterhead
Barrhead
Grassmarket
Falkirk
Milngavie
Greater West
Crieff
Penicuik
Dunblane
Living
Lerwick
Kirkwall
Hamilton
Andrews
Dunoon
Dunfermline
Essential
Limited
Village
Clarkston
Economy
Loch Industrial
Oban
Largs
Paisley
Enterprising
Inverurie
Clacks
Byres
Ness
Mill
Alloa
Embrace
Estate
End
Shawlands
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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

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Council
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Public Bodies
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Growth



Scale and Resource

Skills and Knowledge

Leadership and Ambition

Innovation and Partnership



