

KENDAL ECONOMIC REGENERATION PROGRAMME – October 2011 update

PRIORITY ACTIONS	LEAD
<p>Sector Based Support – Kendal ‘Fit for Future’ Tourism Plan Kendal Festival of Food 2011 programme developed, with events on 27th – 29th October, and a wider promotion of offers and events taking place throughout the South Lakes throughout October. See kendalfestivaloffood.co.uk</p>	Tourism sub group/ KFB
<p>Kendal Community Toilet Scheme No problems or progress to report in Kendal. SLDC are now considering rolling out the project across the district.</p>	KFB/SLDC
<p>Wildman Street/Kendal College Developments Kendal College has submitted an HLF application to improve the facilities in the lodge and expect a response by December. Castle Diary opening took place on 13th October.</p>	Kendal College/ SLDC
<p>Creative Industries Hub Project (Brewery) The Brewery’s Arts Council study due to be completed October. KF will then offer assistance to take any initiatives forward.</p>	SLDC/ KFB/ Brewery
<p>‘Invest in Kendal’ website Phase 2 local procurement portal work requires a developer proposal to allocate spend against. Hope to progress soon.</p>	KFB/ Private Sector/ SLDC
<p>Champion New Generation Access broadband Statistics/planning information about Kendal sent to BT to try to encourage early roll out of super-fast broadband. BT is one of 3 providers shortlisted in the CCC Accessible Cumbria project.</p>	KFB/ CCC
<p>Kirkland and Highgate Regeneration (K Village to town centre) Public consultation completed. Highgate project board has seen initial design plans from CCC. A report is going to SLDC Cabinet in November regarding the 106 developer contributions.</p>	KFB/ SLDT/ CCC/ KP/ K Village/ SLDC
<p>Town centre and public realm KF/SLDC have been awarded Kendal LAP funding to support projects including replacement of town centre benches, banner brackets on lampposts and further railing repairs. Kendal empty shops at 12.57%, below the national average of 14.5%.</p>	KFB/ SLDC/ CCC/ KTC
<p>Business Improvement District (BID) Meeting held in July with Lower Stramongate & Wildman Street BP, which discussed highways/possible public realm improvements. The Highgate & Allhallows BP met Tim Farron on 28th September to discuss business rates, VAT and other issues affecting them.</p>	KFB /SLDC/ Chamber
<p>Car and Coach Parking Improvements Park and walk branding and costs being developed with Kendal College, roll out planned. Potential funding support from CCC. K Village, Busher Walk and Kendal Station are being explored as additional ‘park and walk’ sites.</p>	KFB/ SLDC/ CCC
<p>Canal Head Project Gilkes expect to hear about their Regional Growth Fund bid in November. Gilkes, developers and Lancaster Canal Restoration Partnership are now having productive discussions. SLDC will have to determine Morbaine application for the Rugby Club site before the end of the year, which could impact on the future development of Canal Head.</p>	SLDC/ E&SLF/ CCC
<p>Redevelopment of New Road New Road Common was closed to traffic in Sept for ground contamination testing and the results/report are due shortly. They will form part of the planning application for the site which SLDC hope to submit to Planning Inspectorate.</p>	SLDC/ KTC/ CCC/ KFB
<p>Employment Sites – high tech KFB have responded to further consultation process for new suggested sites within the LDF Land Allocations proposals. Upon request, given Travel Lodge and Sainsbury’s Local suitable site options for Kendal.</p>	LDNPA/ CCC/ SLDC/ KFB/
<p>Improve access to the town centre and industrial sites Signage audit to be completed in October, then support will be sought from CCC to inform recommendations. New fingerpost signage is progressing.</p>	KFB/CCC/SLDC

