

# **1      FACADE ENHANCEMENT GRANT SCHEME - ALBERT STREET, STOBSWELL (AN164-2007)**

For the past six years a Facade Enhancement Grant Scheme (FEGS) has been available to improve shopfronts in the Albert Street District Shopping Centre. Funding has been a combination of part of the Planning and Transportation Community Regeneration budget and the Community Regeneration Fund (CRF) grant. Despite some notable successes, the appearance and function of the shopping streets remains a major concern in the area. Following a consultation meeting with shopkeepers and owners from the transitional southern end of the street it is proposed to make some minor adjustments to the scheme that might make it easier for the very marginal businesses to participate, to encourage change to non-retailing uses for vacant units and to increase the budget utilising receipts through the Stobswell Regeneration Strategy, for two years to try to make a greater impact.

A report explaining the proposed scheme in greater detail is available in the Councillor's lounges.