REPORT TO: PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

**26 FEBRUARY 2001** 

REPORT ON: HILLTOWN FAÇADE ENHANCEMENT GRANT SCHEME

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION

**REPORT NO: 67-2001** 

### 1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To advise Committee of the initial uptake of grants under the Façade Enhancement Grant Scheme within Hilltown.

#### 2 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 Committee is asked to approve the following grants:

140 Hilltown	£4,275
142 Hilltown	£6,175
144-146 Hilltown	£7,220
146a Hilltown	£4,275
152 Hilltown	£4,275

#### 3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The total costs of the grants are estimated at £26,220 and these will be met from the Planning & Transportation Department's 2000/2001 capital allocation.

#### 4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Diversity and local distinctiveness are valued and protected. Encouraging investment in the District Centre is a positive step to these goals.

### 5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 When façade enhancement involves forming new accesses these will be constructed to enable disabled persons access to the properties wherever possible.

# 6 BACKGROUND

- 6.1 Committee will recall that at their meeting of 30 August 1999 they agreed to target part of Hilltown to be included in a Façade Enhancement Grant Scheme.
- 6.2 Five applications have been received for improvements to the following shops:

140 Hilltown – Continental Foods Ltd

142 Hilltown - Barrett Bookmakers Ltd

144-146 Hilltown – Continental Foods Ltd

146a Hilltown - Stitch by Stitch Ltd

152 Hilltown – Yummy Fruits Ltd

- 6.3 At the moment when the shops are closed external roller shutters present a drab image to the Hilltown. The new frontages incorporate internal shutters with a grille appearance and offer the possibility of window displays which will spill light onto the street, thereby creating a more vibrant feel to the area.
- 6.4 The Façade Enhancement Grant Scheme is promoted through the Hilltown Area Action Plan and forms a key element of the economic/retail regeneration of Hilltown under the Social Inclusion Partnership initiative. The scheme is seen as a contribution to the regeneration of the District Shopping Centre.

## 7 CONSULTATIONS

7.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Finance, Director of Support Services and Director of Corporate Planning have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

### 8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 Minutes of Planning and Transportation Committee 30 August 1999 Item vi refers.

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