This document summarises each of the key Galashiels Projects.

The business case for each project will contain additional information to assist with costing. Information will include drawings, specification, artist impressions and sustainability statement.

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Galashiels is in the heart of the Borders and is home to a number of important locations for local people and visitors. The recent developments within the Borders have provided a unique opportunity to develop the town and particularly to realise the redevelopment of underutilised spaces within the town, create new jobs and opportunities to increase tourism footfall and length of stay. Town centres, Galashiels in particular, are an important element of the economic and social fabric of the Scottish Borders.

As part of the Borders Railway Blueprint Programme, this masterplan has been developed to show the key areas for opportunity and development in Galashiels. The masterplan sets out a medium to long term strategy for the community through the allocation of spaces for commercial, retail, residential and community facilities, as well as positive townscape improvements.

The key developments in this masterplan will work cohesively with the new Borders railway to maximise economic opportunities and benefits. The developments contained in this masterplan set out the vision for Galashiels, they will create a step change in this community’s ability to attract, retain and disperse economic activity. This will not only benefit the overall economic and commercial viability of Galashiels but it will also bring unprecedented benefits to the local people and economy by creating new jobs, stimulating inward investment and making town centres more interactive for residents and visitors.

There are six key areas of focus within this masterplan:
- International Hotel Offer
- New Office Development with Public Square
- Lanes Strategy (Pop-workshop space, Arts Studio, Café’s etc.)
- River Front Residential Development
- Interpretation Centre (Tourist Information, Scottish National Textile Collection and Textile Studio Space)
- Linear Park (Active Travel and Outdoor Spaces)

These six developments will be kick started by the new Tapestry Museum, to create the step change required to make Galashiels a transformational town centre. The sites that have been identified for these developments have been strategically chosen to create a more positive townscape that will encourage people to spend more time exploring what Galashiels has to offer.

With the new Borders railway being at the centre of public transport and connections, further developments such as streetscaping and bus interchange changes will make it much easier for people to move around Galashiels on foot and using other transport options.

Overall, this masterplan will highlight how important these developments are to Galashiels future commercial and economic viability.
The 6 projects centre around:

- Creating world class connectivity to allow businesses and residents to flourish
- Creating a world class active travel network to allow Galashiels to operate as a truly sustainable and vibrant town which is attractive for business, residents and visitors
- Investing in existing buildings and implementing new buildings in a dynamic manner which enables Galashiels to deliver the diverse range of spaces and distinct identity, meeting expectations of an international town which is an attractive place to live, work and visit
TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION ZONE

1. Stirling Street
2. Channel Street
3. Overhaugh Street
4. Bridge Street
5. Sime Place
6. ‘Linear Park’
TOWNSCAPE ASSESSMENT

History
Tradition
Tomorrow?

SKETCH TOWNSCAPE REGENERATION

Active Frontages ‘Market Square’
Activity ‘Cultural Quarter’
Movement ‘Linear Park’