

## **Town and District Centres Regeneration Scheme**

Leeds City Councils Town and District Centres scheme is aiming to achieve a range of visible improvements to town, village and district centres across Leeds that will:

- encourage economic regeneration
- increase business (and investor confidence) and,
- create an improved shopping environment for local people.

The budget for this improvement work now totals some £15m, with £3.25m earmarked for parks urban renaissance.

The improvements in some centres will be implemented in a number of phases, others just one larger phase where this is considered the most practical option. The development of the programme has involved considerable local consultation and has been welcomed as a chance to stimulate development and make for a more attractive and safer environment in many cases.

Although the scheme has similarities to the market towns initiative, it is believed to be the only one in the country seeking to tackle 17 centres within the same programme. Each centre is project managed by a locally based project officer who is part of the devolved management team for that area. Each officer is in turn supported by designers, engineers, architects and project managers based centrally.