
**NEIGHBOURHOOD SMALL SCHEMES, QUALITY OF LIFE and
CAPITAL & REVENUE WORKS**

Report by Service Director Neighbourhood Services

EILDON AREA FORUM

13 November 2014

1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

1.1 **This report seeks approval for the proposed new Neighbourhood Small Schemes from the Area Forum and to up-date the Forum on Quality of Life, Roads Capital and Revenue works.**

1.2 The following schemes have been requested for consideration by the Eildon members:-construction of a circular, masonry raised flower bed at Burnmill, Lauder, provision of a timber bench in Croft Road, Lauder, a new community notice board for Yarrow Feus and plant shrubs on the elevated banking in Newtown St. Boswells.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 **I recommend that the Eildon Area Forum**

(a) approves the following new Neighbourhood Small Schemes for implementation:-

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| (i) Install a circular, masonry raised flower bed, Burnmill, Lauder. | £1,900 |
| (ii) Supply a timber bench, Croft Road, Lauder | £150 |
| (iii) Install a new notice board, Yarrow Feus | £500 |
| (iv) Plant shrubs on elevated banking, Newtown St. Boswells | £1,400 |

(b) notes the position to date on spend and projects in the Eildon Area for Neighbourhood Services Small Schemes, Quality of Life , Roads Capital and Revenue works, as detailed in the appendices to this report.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Elected Members, Community Councils and the public can request potential small schemes or work to be undertaken by the Neighbourhood squads by contacting the Neighbourhood Area Manager direct. Neighbourhood Operations is contactable via the new Scottish Borders Council telephone number 0300 100 1800, e-mail address – enquiries@scotborders.gov.uk or by writing to Neighbourhood Services, Council Headquarters, Newtown St. Boswells, Melrose TD6 0SA.
- 3.2 The following schemes have been requested for consideration via these routes to enhance the Eildon Area:-
- 3.3 Construct a circular, masonry raised flower bed at Burnmill, Lauder (£1,900). This request was received from the local Community Council.
- 3.4 Supply and install a timber bench at the recently up-graded amenity area on Croft Road, Lauder (£150). This request was received from the local Community Council.
- 3.5 Supply and install a new community notice board at village hall, Yarrow Feus (£500). This request was received from local elected member.
- 3.6 Supply & plant 14 No. Rhododendron plants on the elevated banking near the centre of Newtown St. Boswells (£1,400). This request was received from local elected member.

4 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Financial

- (a) A budget of £48,200 is available for small schemes in the Eildon Area in 2014/15.

Appendix A lists previously approved small schemes and the current position.

- (b) If the small schemes in 2.1(a) are all approved, the remaining small schemes budget for 2014/15 will be £ 33,680.

- (c) In addition, a budget of £20,000 is available for Quality of Life schemes in the Eildon Area in 2014/15. It has previously been agreed by Eildon Councillors that this budget is equally divided between the three Eildon Wards. Each Ward will have a budget of £6,666.

Appendix D lists previously approved Quality of Life schemes and the current position.

- (d) Appendices B & C list up-dates on the Roads Capital and Revenue works.

4.2 Risk and Mitigations

If the small schemes budget is not spent, the local area will not benefit from improvement works being carried out.

4.3 Equalities

The proposals within this report will not have an adverse impact on any of the equality groups - race, disability, age, sexual orientation or religion/belief.

4.4 Acting Sustainably

It is anticipated that there will be a variety of economic, social or environmental benefits arising from the proposed schemes in para 2.1.

4.5 Carbon Management

There are no significant effects anticipated on carbon emissions to the Council by doing or not doing what is proposed.

4.6 Rural Proofing

This report does not relate to new or amended policy or strategy and as a result rural proofing is not an applicable consideration.

4.7 Changes to Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation

No changes to the Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation are required as a result of this report.

5 CONSULTATION

- 5.1 The Chief Financial Officer, the Monitoring Office, the Chief Legal Officer, the Service Director Strategy and Policy, the Chief Officer Audit and Risk, The Chief Officer HR, the Service Director Capital Projects and the Clerk to the Council have been consulted. Any comments received have been incorporated in the final report.

Approved by

Service Director Neighbourhood Services

Signature

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