Discussion Output: Scottish Borders Council Budget (6th December 2018)

Question/Issue/Challenge	Proposed Solution (opportunities for area partnerships/communities?)	Consequence/Impact (positive and negative)	Priority rating
Efficiencies Can we do things in a more streamlined way?	Use grey recycled paper like NHS. No colours on council tax leaflets Printing and postage waste. Option for email if you don't want paper. Don't put paving slabs down in Eyemouth high street – lorries and vans wreck them. See Manchester. Pot hole repair in summer! More power to communities. There are a vast range of resources available that could be better utilised if the right level of input is allocated. Integration of health services and social care There are good models Explore innovative methods/ material for road surfacing Do we have to demand the workload coming in (reactive)/instead go out and provide services (proactive)? More joint approaches to procurement and deliver services together Shared services – within and outwith the Borders	People feel better supported in the communities. Lack of funding or funding coming to an end. Better/wellbeing Reduced NHS bed space	
Identifying priorities Are there services, which in your view, should be prioritised?	Digital access in rural areas! Better integration of mental health services for schools. Early intervention and prevention. SB Cares management team needs to be sorted, Care services need to work together. Transport – rail station at Reston Transport to BGH from East Berwickshire Provision of social care for elderly, dementia Services for older people Attracting families into the area Housing developments - affordable, quality of life Connections with work employment- digital/broadband Transport	Difficulty in getting to appointments/visiting	
Different models of delivering services Are there services which we could deliver differently, or that communities could take responsibility for to maintain them in the long term?	Youth projects Neighbourhood services model IJB briefing note not being communicated Deep water harbour Disaggregate services from a central point into 5 areas College provision for eastern borders No charge for green waste services Care services – Resilient communities is a good example of community responsibility More investment in local initiatives ie social enterprises Tourism, agriculture, Care sector Skills shortages- textile centre of excellence	Community focused/pride in service delivery funding/sustainability long term.	
Increased charges to service users Should we be charging more for some services?	People are often keen to make contributions for services that are efficient Do we cover operating costs?	People making difficult choices in order to pay for services	

Other funding options	Medical NHS Services/care in the community	More people supported & connected and services are improved	
What services in your area do you value most which could be retained, expanded or enhanced through the use of additional funds?	Social transport Increase funding to invest and seeing that investment. Providing services that could be commercial that doesn't impact on the private sector?		

Notes:

Can library services encourage borrowing kindles - Oxford looked into this and it saves a huge costs in transporting heavy books.

Public toilets charging/closing – Hits tourist's towns more, seems to save money but reduces tourist income

Learning from peers

Community spaces

A hub- A heart for duns