

The contract to construct Hawick Flood Protection Scheme will be awarded in the coming weeks. The contract includes a Community Benefits Clause (CBC) which requires the successful bidder to deliver a range of community benefits including new jobs, apprenticeships, schools activity and the provision support to local community groups and projects.

A range of community groups in Hawick will benefit from the requirement for the main contractor and their supply chain to provide support/sponsorship to 24 community groups or projects. This is likely to be in the way of surplus material donations, small financial contributions to community groups/ projects or undertaking some form of work for a community group.

Hawick Community Council, Burnfoot Community Council and other local community groups may wish to consider developing a register of local groups or projects interested in taking advantage of this community benefit requirement. Providing a register or 'wish list' will create an opportunity for early dialogue with the main contractor, which in turn, will maximise community benefits realised over the full duration of the project.