

Additional Information

SBC Current Consultations

Local Housing Strategy 2023-28 Consultation

The Scottish Borders Local Housing Strategy sets our vision for housing, setting our key partnership priorities and goals for the next five years, 2023-28. We want people to share their views on our proposed vision, outcomes, key actions and housing issues. We are interested to find out the view of anyone living or wanting to live in the Scottish Borders, as well as any group or organization with an interest in housing in the Scottish Borders.

Read more: [Local Housing Strategy 2023-28 Consultation - Scottish Borders Council - Citizen Space](#)

Have Your Say - Placemaking and Community Engagement Sign Up

Placemaking is a process of community engagement where the opinions and desires of the community are used to inform the future of the places we live, work and play - and by getting involved and telling us what matters to you, we can make sure the voices of all Scottish Borders residents are heard.

Read more: [Have Your Say - Placemaking and Community Engagement Sign Up - Scottish Borders Council - Citizen Space](#)

Scottish Government Current Consultations

New National Parks - appraisal framework

The Scottish Government has produced an appraisal framework to support the assessment of nominations for new National Park designations.

This consultation is seeking your views and comments on this Appraisal Framework and the selection criteria for new National Parks.

Read more: [New National Parks - appraisal framework - Scottish Government - Citizen Space \(consult.gov.scot\)](#)

Council tax on second and empty homes/ Non-domestic rates: consultation

The consultation asks whether councils should have additional powers giving them discretion to:

- charge up to 100% premium (double the full rate) on council tax for second homes
- charge more than 100% premium on council tax for second homes and long-term empty homes

Our aim is for everyone in Scotland to live in safe, secure and warm homes. We want your views on how local taxation and existing housing can help achieve this. Your responses will help inform policy development and what actions we take next.

Read more: [Council tax on second and empty homes/ Non-domestic rates: consultation - Scottish Government - Citizen Space](#)

Prescribing the minimum annual number of learning hours: consultation

This consultation seeks views on the Scottish Government's plans to set a legal minimum number of hours of school education school pupils should receive each year.

Read more: <https://consult.gov.scot/learning-directorate/learning-hours-consultation/>

Review of the National Outcomes

The National Outcomes set out the kind of Scotland we all want to see. It is therefore vital that we hear from communities in Scotland about what matters most to you, so that we can ensure the National Outcomes reflect our shared priorities. Our collective wellbeing is a matter for all of us – government, charities, communities, businesses and people – working together to make these National Outcomes a reality. This consultation will inform the National Outcomes we work towards for the next five years.

Read more: [Review of the National Outcomes - Scottish Government - Citizen Space \(consult.gov.scot\)](#)

Draft Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan consultation

This consultation provides an opportunity for communities, workers, citizens and businesses to engage in the process of designing Scotland's energy transition. In consulting on this draft vision and route map, our purpose is to:

- seek views on our vision and the actions we are taking to transition to an affordable, resilient and clean energy system
- understand how we secure the maximum social and economic benefits from the energy transition for Scotland

The Scottish Government will review responses to the consultation and the issues raised during engagement with stakeholders to inform development of the final version of the Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan.

Read more: [Draft Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan consultation - Scottish Government - Citizen Space](#)

Food Conversations

Feedback from the previous Food Conversations on Friday the 17th of March was mapped into four challenge areas, Policy and Public Services, Capacity and Resources, Communities and Services, Parents and Children. Feedback from this session will be presented at the next meeting alongside proposed next steps.

The next Food Conversation meeting will take place on Friday the 23rd of June 2023. If you are interested in joining these meetings, please let us know.

Community Choices

There are no updates for Community Choices. Should this change, an update on the latest meeting will be provided at the Area Partnership.

Community Empowerment

Currently, there are no formal Participation Requests being considered within the Berwickshire area. SBC is currently working with and advising groups for 7 asset transfer requests.

For information about the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015: [Parts of the Act | Community Empowerment \(Scotland\) Act 2015 | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](#)

Place Making

A place based approach is about understanding the potential of a place and coordinating action to improve outcomes, with community participation at the heart of the process. For information, tools and resources on place based approaches visit [Our Place](#)

Area Partnerships' Information Pack

[Berwickshire Area Partnership](#)

[Community engagement, planning and ownership | Area Partnership information pack | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](#)

Community Councils:

Scottish Community Councils Latest News, including information about funding opportunities and national consultations:

[Community Council News](#)

Scottish Borders Council Meetings

[Browse meetings - Scottish Borders Council - Scottish Borders Council \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

Cost of Living Support

[Financial support and advice | Cost of Living Crisis support | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](#)

Debt Advice:

[Citizens Advice Bureau](#)



Download the NHS
Borders Money Worries
App here

NHS Money Worries App – download from Google Play or the App Store

Covid-19 vaccination programme

<https://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/covid-19-vaccination-programme/>

NHS Borders website for current updates:

<http://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/coronavirus/>

Business support

<https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/covid19business>

<https://findbusinesssupport.gov.scot/>

General Funding:

<https://fundingscotland.com/>

[Grants Online](#)

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/>

[Community grants and funding | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](#)

[Neighbourhood Support Fund | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](#)

[SBC Enhancement & Welfare Trust](#)

NHS Borders Wellbeing Service:

<http://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/our-services/general-services/wellbeing-service/>

NHS Borders Wellbeing Point:

www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/wellbeingpoint

<https://www.rcot.co.uk/conserving-energy>

This includes pacing, fatigue management and some ideas about restarting gentle exercise

<https://www.yourcovidrecovery.nhs.uk/>

This covers most aspects, including information from physiotherapy and occupational therapy websites

<https://www.chss.org.uk/advice-line-nurses/>

Phone or email to access their support/advice