

SB LOCAL SMALL SCHEMES

Report by Director of Environment & Infrastructure

BERWICKSHIRE AREA FORUM

6 DECEMBER 2012

1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

1.1 **This report seeks approval for the proposed new SB Local small schemes from the Area Forum.**

1.2 The following schemes have been requested for consideration by the Berwickshire members:-

Install a wheelchair crossing at Bridgend, Duns, to allow disabled people to access the footway. Repaint the lines in Market Square, Duns, to allow the police to enforce parking restrictions. Install steps from The Orchard to Back Lane, Paxton to allow access.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

I recommend that the Area Forum approves the following new SB Local small schemes for implementation:-

(a) Install wheelchair crossing, Bridgend, Duns	£1050
(b) Repaint lines in Market Square, Duns	£2962
(c) Install steps at The Orchard/Back Lane, Paxton	£4127

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Elected Members, Community Councils and the public can request potential small schemes or work to be undertaken by the SB Local squads by contacting the SB Local Area Manager direct. SB Local is contactable via the new Scottish Borders Council telephone number 0300 100 1800, e-mail address – sblocal@scotborders.gov.uk or by writing to Environment and Infrastructure, Council HQ, Newtown St. Boswells, Melrose TD6 0SA.

The following schemes have been requested for consideration by the Berwickshire members to enhance the Berwickshire area:-

Install a wheelchair crossing at Bridgend, Duns, to allow disabled people to access the footway. Repaint the lines in Market Square, Duns, to allow the police to enforce parking restrictions. Install steps from The Orchard to Back Lane, Paxton to allow access to footpath.

- 3.2 Works will be scheduled to meet specific area needs, local timetables and to maximise the overall efficiency of the works programme.

4 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Financial

A budget of £49,482 (which includes £1,285 ear-mark balance from 2011/12) is available through SB Local for small schemes in the Berwickshire area in 2012/13. The above recommended schemes in para 2.1 are for members approval this financial year 2012/13. If the above schemes are approved, then there will be a budget of £ 7,114 remaining for future schemes.

4.2 Risk and Mitigations

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

4.3 Equalities

The provision of a wheelchair crossing will have a positive impact on the disability equality group. None of the other equality groups will be adversely impacted as a result of the proposals.

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 Changes to Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation

There are no changes which are required to either the Scheme of Administration or the Scheme of Delegation as a result of the proposals in this report.

5 CONSULTATION

The Chief Financial Officer, Head of Legal and Democratic Services, the Clerk to the Council and Head of Audit & Risk have been consulted and their comments have been incorporated into the report.

Approved by

Director of Environment and Infrastructure **Signature**

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