

## SB LOCAL SMALL SCHEMES

## **Report by Director of Environment & Infrastructure**

# BERWICKSHIRE AREA FORUM

# 26 February 2013

## 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:-

Repaint the railings at the Village Hall, Allanton.

Purchase material for making pottery tiles to install on the flower planters, primary school, Chirnside.

Repair metal bench at the telephone exchange lane Paxton

## 2 RECOMMENDATIONS

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

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| (a) Repaint the railings at the Village Hall, Allanton   | £235 |
| (b) Purchase material for pottery tiles to install on the flower planters at the primary school, Chirnside | £582 |
| (c) Repair metal bench at the telephone exchange Paxton  | £48  |

### **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:-

The Allanton Village Hall committee have requested a small scheme to repaint the railings outside the village hall to enhance the appearance.

The school have requested that the small scheme budget be used to purchase material to decorate the flower planters with pottery tiles at the entrance to the school.

A request was received from the community to repair the bench at the telephone exchange lane at Paxton. The back of the bench had been bent over and requires a blacksmith to heat and bend back.

- 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 £ 5,058 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**

- 5.1 The Chief Financial Officer, Head of Corporate and Governance, 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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**Previous Minute Reference:** None

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