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**SB LOCAL SMALL SCHEMES and CAPITAL & REVENUE WORKS**

**Report by Director of Environment & Infrastructure**

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**CHEVIOT AREA FORUM**

**14 AUGUST 2013**

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**1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY**

1.1 **This report seeks approval for the proposed new SB Local Small Schemes from the Area Forum and updates the Forum on Roads Capital & Revenue works and previously approved SB Local Small Schemes.**

1.2 The following schemes have been requested for consideration by the Cheviot members: installation of benches along the Riverside Walk, Jedburgh and installation of an additional piece of equipment at the Skate Park, Kelso. Updated previously approved Small Schemes and Roads Revenue and Capital Expenditure are listed in Appendices A and B.

**2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 **I recommend that the Cheviot Area Forum:**

**(a) approves the following new SB Local Small Schemes for implementation:-**

**(i) Install benches, The Riverside Walk, Jedburgh     £ 600**

**(ii) Install new equipment, The Skate Park, Kelso     £ 2,450**

**(b) notes the updates on Roads Capital & Revenue works and previously approved SB Local Small Schemes as detailed in Appendices A and B to this report.**

### **3 BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 Elected Members, Community Councils and the public can request potential small schemes by contacting the Neighbourhood Area Manager direct. Neighbourhood services 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 via these routes to enhance the Cheviot Area :-

- (a) Installation of four benches along the Riverside Walk, Jedburgh (£600). Two to be positioned within Lothian Park and the other two adjacent to Bongate Industrial Estate. This request was raised by a local Ward Councillor.
  - (b) Installation of an additional piece of equipment comprising of a concrete ramp and steps within the existing Skate Park, Shedden Park, Kelso (£2,450). This will further enhance the range of equipment available within a well utilised facility. This request was raised by a local skate board group leader.
- 3.2 Works will be scheduled to meet specific area needs, local timetables and to maximise the overall efficiency of the works programme.
- 3.3 Updates on Roads Capital & Revenue works and previously approved SB Local Small Schemes as detailed in Appendices A and B to this report.

### **4 IMPLICATIONS**

#### **4.1 Financial**

A budget of £34,702 is available through SB Local for small schemes in the Cheviot area in 2013/14. If the above schemes are approved, then there will be a budget of £29,948 remaining for future schemes. Appendices A & B list up-dates on SB Local small schemes and Roads Capital & Revenue works.

#### **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 proposals within this report will not have an adverse impact on any of the equality groups - race, disability, age, sexual orientation or religion/belief.

#### **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, the Head of Corporate Governance, the Head of Strategic Policy, the Head of Audit and Risk, the HR Manager and the Clerk to the Council have been consulted and their comments have been incorporated into the report.

#### Approved by

**Director of Environment and Infrastructure**

**Signature .....**

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**Background Papers:** None

**Previous Minute Reference:** None

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