
SB LOCAL SMALL SCHEMES

Report by Director of Environment & Infrastructure

CHEVIOT AREA FORUM

6 NOVEMBER 2013

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 previously approved SB Local Small Schemes.**

1.2 The following schemes have been requested for consideration by the Cheviot members: Joint scheme to install commemorative bench at Ancrum Village Green, provide shrubs at south entrance to Jedburgh, upgrade footpath at Duke's Dykes, Kelso. Updated previously approved Small Schemes.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

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

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

(i) Joint scheme to install commemorative bench at Ancrum Village Green £ 400

(ii) Provide shrubs at south entrance to Jedburgh £ 510

(ii) Upgrade footpath at Duke's Dykes, Kelso £1,200

(b) notes the updates on previously approved SB Local Small Schemes as detailed in Appendix A to this report

(c) Agrees to delegate authority to the Director of Environment and Infrastructure to allocate the remaining funds for the current financial year to small schemes, subject to consultation with and approval by all six members of the Cheviot Area Forum through email.

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) Contribution towards the installation of a Queens Jubilee Commemorative Bench (£400). This is a joint scheme with Ancrum Community Council, (total cost £800). This request was raised by a local Ward Councillor.
 - (b) Provide shrubs for improvement at south entrance to Jedburgh A68 (£510). This request was raised by a local Ward Councillor.
 - (c) Upgrade existing footpath at Duke's Dykes, Kelso leading from Floor's Castle Gate House to Jct. A6089/B6364 Broadloan (1,200). This is a joint scheme with Criminal Justice Team, material & traffic management costs only. This request was raised by a local Ward Councillor
- 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 previously approved SB Local Small Schemes as detailed in Appendices A 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 £27,838 remaining for future schemes. Appendix A lists up-dates on SB Local small 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 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

- 5.1 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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