

**SECTION XXVII**

**AREA FORUMS**

**Constitution**

**Teviot and Liddesdale Area Forum -**

- (a) The six elected Scottish Borders Councillors representing the Wards of Hawick and Denholm and Hawick and Hermitage;
- (b) The Chairman or a representative from each of the Community Councils in the Teviot and Liddesdale area;
- (c) A representative from NHS Borders;
- (d) A representative from the Police;
- (e) A representative from any other local body as agreed by the Scottish Borders Councillors.

**Chairman/Vice Chairman**

The Chairman and Vice Chairman of each Area Forum shall be Members of Scottish Borders Council and shall be elected by the Members of the Council who are members of the relevant Area Forum.

**Quorum**

Three of the Scottish Borders Council Members of each Area Forum, including at least one representative from each Ward, shall constitute a quorum, except for the Eildon Area Forum where five shall constitute a Quorum.

**Functions Referred**

The following functions of the Council shall stand referred to each Area Forum, in compliance with any statute and regulations governing those public, private and voluntary sector organisations involved:-

1. Scrutinise the local impact and performance of Council and other services in the area.
2. Scrutinise the local impact and performance of the Community Planning Partnership in the area.
- \*3. Make recommendations on the objectives and priorities for the area, including economic development, engaging with local communities and businesses as appropriate.
4. Provide direction for decision-making on those issues that involve competing interests or are controversial or contentious, other than planning applications.
5. Gain a shared understanding of need in the area.

6. Seek to engage and involve the local business community and consider ways to attract commercial enterprise to the area.
7. Act as a consultation body requiring local input, where appropriate.
8. Determine local holiday dates.
- \*9. Consider and make recommendations for Local Byelaws and Management Rules.
- \*10. Consider and make recommendations if required to the relevant Committee on local community matters, including local economic development plans.
- \*11. Identify impediments and barriers which inhibit integrated approaches in local service provision, and make recommendations on how these could be overcome.
12. Approve Small Schemes and Roads Funding Members Priorities, including the use of Pay Parking income (restricted to specific towns only).
13. Approve all matters relating to street naming and numbering, where not delegated to officers.
14. Approve local traffic management schemes.
15. Approve the making of temporary, permanent or experimental orders for the regulation of traffic, including stopping-up orders.

### **Functions Delegated**

All functions above NOT marked \*. Those functions marked \* are referred to the Committee for consideration and recommendation only and must receive approval of the relevant other Council committee.

### **General**

In addition to the functions referred and delegated to the Area Forums, the Council or other Organisations may from time to time seek the views of Area Forums on specific matters or applications outwith their normal remit.