
SB LOCAL SMALL SCHEMES and CAPITAL & REVENUE WORKS

Report by Director of Environment & Infrastructure

TEVIOT & LIDDESDALE AREA FORUM

20 NOVEMBER 2012

1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

- 1.1 **This report seeks approval for the proposed new SB Local small schemes from the Area Forum and to up-date 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 Teviot and Liddesdale members:- up-grade Market Cross, Wilton Lodge Park, Hawick, replace the old rose bed at O’Connell St, Car park, Hawick & provide new play equipment, Miller’s Knowe, Hawick.**

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 I recommend that the Teviot & Liddesdale Area Forum approves the following new SB Local Small Schemes for implementation.
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| (a) Up-grade Market Cross, Wilton Lodge Park | £1,000 |
| (b) Replace old rose bed at O’Connell St Car Park with either | |
| (i) Tegular Blockwork | £8,805 |
| (ii) Low Maintenance Shrubs | £1,430 |
| (c) New Play Equipment, Springer, Miller’s Knowe | £900 |

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 via these routes to enhance the Teviot & Liddesdale Area:-

Up-grade Market Cross, Wilton Lodge Park, Hawick (£1,000). This enhancement involves the removal of plants etc. from the area adjacent to the museum and replacing with hard landscaping and the provision of a seat. This request was made by the 1514 Club.

Replace Old Rose Bed at O'Connell St. Car park with either tegula blockwork (£8,805) or low maintenance shrubs (£1,430). Poor quality roses occupy the existing bed at present which is frequently being used as a shortcut route by members of the public. The installation of tegula blockwork or low maintenance shrubs providing a dense, close knitted formation would enhance this area. This request has been put forward by 'Hawick in Bloom'.

New Play Equipment, Springer, Miller's Knowe (£900). The provision of this 'springer' equipment would enhance this play area and cater more specifically for the younger age group. This request was raised by the Local Ward Councillors.

- 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 £34,702 is available through SB Local for small schemes in the Teviot and Liddesdale area in 2012/13.

Appendices A, B & C 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**

- 5.1 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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