
SB LOCAL SMALL SCHEMES and CAPITAL & REVENUE WORKS

Report by Director of Environment & Infrastructure

TEVIOT & LIDDESDALE AREA FORUM

19 FEBRUARY 2013

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:- replace the old rose beds at Lothian Road, Hawick, provide new play equipment, The Moat Park, Hawick & install metal bollards along Hawick High Street from Cross Wynd to Drumlanrig Tower.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 **I recommend that the Teviot & Liddesdale Area Forum consider and prioritise the following new SB Local small schemes for implementation:-**

(a) Replace the old rose beds at Lothian Road with low maintenance shrubs	£1,900
(b) Install new play equipment, The Moat Park	£12,000
(c) Install metal bollards, High Street, Hawick	£ 9,850

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 :-

Replace the old rose beds at Lothian Road with low maintenance shrubs (£1,900). Poor quality roses occupy the existing beds adjacent to the car park & surrounding the seating area. These are frequently being used as a shortcut route by members of the public. The installation of low maintenance shrubs providing a dense, close knitted formation would enhance the area. This request was raised by the local Ward Councillors.

New multi-play equipment, The Moat Park (£12,000). The provision of this multi-play equipment would replace some existing dated equipment for all age groups. This request was raised by a local Ward Councillor.

Install metal bollards along the High Street between Cross Wynd and Drumlanrig Tower (£ 9,850). These bollards, as per others along the High Street, would increase pedestrian safety & reduce damage to flagstones by preventing vehicles parking on the footpath. 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.

4 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Financial

A budget of £18,842 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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