

ITEM NO 7

SB LOCAL SMALL SCHEMES and CAPITAL & REVENUE WORKS

Report by Director of Environment & Infrastructure

TEVIOT & LIDDESDALE AREA FORUM

21 MAY 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.
- 1.2 The following schemes have been requested for consideration by the Teviot and Liddesdale members:- Install seat near Linden Crescent., install new footpath at Wilton Primary School, upgrade seating area at Bonchester Bridge War Memorial, white lining to define parking areas in Lanton Place, upgrade access road to Denholm Cemetery, and grass cutting at The Mote.

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) Install seating area adjacent to Linden Cresc., Hawick £ 290
 - (b) Install footpath at Wilton Primary School, Hawick £ 580
 - (c) Upgrade seating area at the War Memorial, Bonchester £ 440
 - (d) White lining of parking areas in Lanton Place, Hawick £ 800
 - (e) Upgrade access road to Denholm Cemetery £3,240
 - (f) Grass cutting, The Mote, Hawick £ 400

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Elected Members, Community Councils and the public can request potential small schemes or work to be undertaken by the Neighbourhood squads by contacting the Neighbourhood Area Manager direct. Neighbourhood Operations is contactable via the new Scottish Borders Council telephone number 0300 100 1800, e-mail address – <u>enquiries@scotborders.gov.uk</u> 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:-
 - (a) Install access footpath & seat on old railway embankment adjacent to Linden Cresc., Hawick (£290). This is a joint scheme with Criminal Justice Team, material costs only. This request was received from local Ward Councillor.
 - (b) Provision of gravel footpath in grounds to assist disabled access at Wilton Primary School, Hawick (£580). This is a joint scheme with Criminal Justice Team, material costs only. This request was received from local Ward Councillor.
 - (c) Upgrade to seating area adjacent to the War Memorial at Bonchester Bridge (£440). This is a joint scheme with Criminal Justice Team, material costs only. This request was received from local Ward Councillor.
 - (d) White Lining to define parking areas in Lanton Place, Hawick (£800). This request was received from local Ward Councillor.
 - (e) Upgrade access road into Denholm Cemetery (£3,240). This request was received from local Ward Councillor.
 - (f) Grass cutting to the top half of The Mote, Hawick (£400). This request was received from local 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 2013/14. It has been agreed previously that this budget will be split equally between the Hawick & Hermitage and Hawick & Denholm Wards.

Appendix B list up-dates on 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 Corporate Governance, Head of Audit & Risk, Head of Strategic Policy 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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