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**SB LOCAL SMALL SCHEMES**

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**Report by Director of Environment & Infrastructure**

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**TEVIOT & LIDDESDALE AREA FORUM**

**17 DECEMBER 2013**

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**1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY**

1.1 **This report seeks approval for the proposed new SB Local Small Schemes from the Area Forum.**

1.2 The following schemes have been requested for consideration by the Teviot and Liddesdale members: Refurbish existing benches on Holm Hill, Newcastleton, crown reduction to trees at Teviot Crescent, Hawick, install notice board at Moat Park, Hawick, and replace existing benches at Sandbed, Hawick. Updated previously approved Small Schemes are listed in Appendix A.

**2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 **I recommend that the Teviot & Liddesdale Area Forum:**

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

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| (i)   | <b>Refurbish existing benches on Holm Hill, Newcastleton</b> | <b>£1,150</b>  |
| (ii)  | <b>Crown reduction to trees at Teviot Crescent, Hawick</b>   | <b>£3,000</b>  |
| (iii) | <b>Install notice board at Moat Park, Hawick</b>             | <b>£ 450</b>   |
| (iv)  | <b>Replace existing benches at Sandbed, Hawick</b>           | <b>£ 1,210</b> |

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

### **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 – [enquiries@scotborders.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@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:-
- (a) Refurbish 5no. existing metal benches on the Holm Hill, Newcastleton (£1,150). This request was received from local Hawick & Hermitage Ward Councillors.
  - (b) Crown reduction by 30% to 19 no. trees at Teviot Crescent, Hawick (£3,000). This request was received from local Hawick & Hermitage Ward Councillors.
  - (c) Install public notice board in top corner of Moat Park, Hawick (£450). This request was received from local Hawick & Hermitage Ward Councillors.
  - (d) Replace 2 no. existing benches at Sandbed, Hawick (£1,210). This request was received from local Hawick & Hermitage 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.
- 3.3 Updates on previously approved SB Local Small Schemes as detailed in Appendix A to this report.

### **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. If the above schemes are approved, then there will be a remaining budget of £7,126 in Hawick & Hermitage Ward and no remaining funds in Hawick & Denholm Ward for future schemes.

Appendix A list up-dates on previously approved 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, Head of Corporate Governance, the Head of Audit & Risk, the Head of Strategic Policy, 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**

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**Background Papers:** None

**Previous Minute Reference:** None

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