

# **NEIGHBOURHOOD SMALL SCHEME WORKS**

## **Report by Service Director for Neighbourhood Services**

## **TEVIOT & LIDDESDALE AREA FORUM**

## 17 June 2014

## **1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report seeks approval for the proposed new Neighbourhood Small Schemes from the Area Forum.
- 1.2 The following Schemes have been requested for consideration by the Teviot & Liddesdale Members: - provide shelter at Wellogate Cemetery Extension, Hawick, grass cutting at The Mote, Hawick, and footpath repairs at Wilton Path Garden, Hawick. Update 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 Neighbourhood Small Schemes for implementation:-
  - (i) Provide shelter at Wellogate Cemetery £3,200 Extension, Hawick.
  - (ii) Grass cutting at The Mote, Hawick £400
  - (iii) Footpath repairs at Wilton Path Gdn., £1,580 Hawick.
- (b) Notes the updates on previously approved Neighbourhood 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 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 – enquiries@scotborders.gov.uk or by writing to Neighbourhood Services, Council Headquarters, Newtown St. Boswells, Melrose TD6 0SA.

The following schemes have been requested for consideration via these routes to enhance the Teviot & Liddesdale Area:-

- (a) Supply and erect wooden shelter on concrete base at Wellogate Cemetery Extension, Hawick (£3,200). This request was received from local Ward Councillors.
- (b) Grass cutting to the top half of The Mote, Hawick (£400). This request was received from local Ward Councillors.
- (c) Footpath repairs, including timber edging, and installation of 2 no. benches at Wilton Path Garden, Hawick (£1,580). This request was received from 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.
- 3.3 Updates on previously approved Neighbourhood Small Schemes as detailed in Appendix A to this report.

## 4 IMPLICATIONS

## 4.1 Financial

(a) A budget of £34,702 is available through Neighbourhood Services for small schemes in the Teviot and Liddesdale area in 2014/15. 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 £8,021 in Hawick & Hermitage Ward and £5,906 in Hawick & Denholm Ward for future schemes.

Appendix A list up-dates on previously approved Neighbourhood Small Schemes.

(b) In addition, a budget of £20,000 is available for Quality of Life Schemes in the Teviot & Liddesdale Area in 2014/15.

## 4.2 **Risk and Mitigations**

If the 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 to either the Scheme of Administration or the Scheme of Delegation

### **5** CONSULTATION

5.1 Consultation is being undertaken with the Chief Financial Officer, the Monitoring Officer, the Chief Legal Officer, the Service Director Strategy and Policy, the Chief Officer Audit and Risk, the Chief Officer HR, the Service Director Interim Capital Projects and the Clerk to the Council. Any comments received will be incorporated in the final report.

#### Approved by

Service Director Neighbourhood Services

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#### Background Papers: None Previous Minute Reference: None

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