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## NEIGHBOURHOOD SMALL SCHEME WORKS

Report by Service Director Neighbourhood Services

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### TEVIOT & LIDDESDALE AREA FORUM

21 October 2014

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#### 1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

1.1 **This report seeks approval for the proposed new Neighbourhood small schemes from the Area Forum and updates the Forum on previously approved Small Schemes.**

1.2 The following schemes have been requested for consideration by the Teviot & Liddesdale members: - refurbish railing at Weensland Rd., Hawick; replumb fence adjacent to Riverside Walk, Hawick; upgrade footpath at Waverley Walk, Hawick; replace existing planters at Station Bridge, Hawick; refresh existing road markings within Wilton Park Area, Hawick & contribution towards repainting public toilets within Denholm Village. Updates on 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:-**

<b>(i) Refurbish railing at Weensland Road, Hawick</b>	<b>£ 148</b>
<b>(ii) Replumb fence adjacent to riverside walk, Hawick</b>	<b>£ 138</b>
<b>(iii) Upgrade footpath along Waverley Walk, Hawick</b>	<b>£1,596</b>
<b>(iv) Replace existing planters at Station Bridge, Hawick</b>	<b>£ 120</b>
<b>(v) Refresh existing road markings within Wilton Park Area, Hawick</b>	<b>£1,000</b>
<b>(vi) Contribution towards repainting public toilets within Denholm Village</b>	<b>£575</b>

**(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) Refurbish railing near Trinity Steps, at Weensland Road, Hawick (£148). This request was received from a local Ward Councillor.
- (b) Replumb and secure fence adjacent to riverside walk, rear of Oliver Park, Hawick (£138). This request was received from a local Ward Councillor.
- (c) Upgrade footpath along Waverley Walk, (Loch Park to Stonefield) Hawick (£1,596). This request was received from local Ward Councillors.
- (d) Replace existing planters at Station Bridge, Hawick (£120). This request was received from Hawick in Bloom.
- (e) Refresh existing road markings, (junctions etc.) within Wilton Park Area, Hawick (£1,000). This request was received from local Ward Councillors.
- (f) Contribution towards repainting, inside & out, of public toilets within Denholm Village (£575). This request was received from Denholm & District Community Council.

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 are 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 £3,059 in Hawick & Hermitage Ward and £2,981 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 Rural Proofing

This report does not relate to new or amended policy or strategy and as a result rural proofing is not an applicable consideration.

#### 4.7 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 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 Capital Projects and the Clerk to the Council have been consulted and 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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