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**NEIGHBOURHOOD SMALL SCHEMES and QUALITY OF LIFE**

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**Report by Service Director Neighbourhood Services**

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**TEVIOT & LIDDESDALE AREA FORUM****18 November 2014**

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**1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY**

**1.1 This report seeks approval for the proposed new Quality of Life Schemes from the Area Forum.**

**1.2** The following Quality of Life Schemes have been requested for consideration by the Teviot & Liddesdale members: - repairs to flagstones within the car park at Civic Space, Hawick and acquisition of defibrillator equipment for Hermitage Hall, Hermitage Water.

**2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

**(a) approves the following new Quality of Life Schemes for implementation:-**

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| <b>(i) Repairs to flagstones within the car park at Civic Space, Hawick</b>            | <b>£1,925</b> |
| <b>(ii) Acquisition of defibrillator equipment for Hermitage Hall, Hermitage Water</b> | <b>£1,580</b> |

### **3 BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 Elected Members, Community Councils and the public can request potential Neighbourhood or Quality of Life 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 Quality of Life schemes have been requested for consideration via these routes to enhance the Teviot & Liddesdale Area:-

- (a) Lift existing broken and uneven flagstones within the car park in the Civic Space and replace with new tegula paving of a contrasting colour (£1,925). This request was received from local Ward Councillors.
- (b) Acquisition of defibrillator, including cabinet and installation at The Hermitage Hall, Hermitage Water, Hawick (£1,580). This request was received from the Hermitage Hall Committee.

### **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. There is a remaining budget of £3,059 in Hawick & Hermitage Ward and £2,981 in Hawick & Denholm Ward for future schemes.
- (b) In addition, a budget of £20,000 is available for Quality of Life schemes in the Teviot & 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 £5,235 in Hawick & Hermitage Ward and £8,740 in Hawick & Denholm Ward for future schemes.

#### **4.2 Risk and Mitigations**

If these budgets are 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 This report is not going out to consultation as it is not possible to adhere to normal timescales.

#### **Approved by**

**Service Director Neighbourhood Services**

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**Background Papers:** None

**Previous Minute Reference:** None

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