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**NEIGHBOURHOOD SMALL SCHEME WORKS/QUALITY OF LIFE/ PAY PARKING**

**Report by Service Director Neighbourhood Services**

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**TWEEDDALE AREA FORUM**

**7 MAY 2014**

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**1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY**

- 1.1 **This report seeks approval of the Tweeddale Area Forum for proposals to deliver projects throughout the Tweeddale area using Neighbourhood Small Schemes, Quality of Life and Pay Parking budgets.**
- 1.2 The following Neighbourhood schemes have been requested for consideration by the Tweeddale members from Small Schemes budget:-  
Improve the car park at Victoria park, Innerleithen; Installation of a road gully at Manor; Resurfacing to footway surface at Bridgegate, Peebles; Creation of new gully system at the primary school drop off point, Broughton; Resurfacing to footway at Wemyss Place, Peebles; Refurbishment to Whitestone Park and Haylodge Park Gates; Contribution to floral improvements, Clovenfords; Creation of hard standing area at Victoria Park, Walkerburn.
- 1.3 The following Quality of Life scheme seeking funding support:-  
Installation of pedestrian bus shelter on the west bound carriageway, Peebles Road, Innerleithen.

**2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 **I recommend that the Tweeddale Area Forum:-**

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

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| <b>i) Car parking improvements at Victoria Park, Innerleithen-</b> | <b>£18,000;</b>  |
| <b>ii) Road gully installation, Manor -</b>                        | <b>£500;</b>     |
| <b>iii) Footway resurfacing, Bridgegate, Peebles -</b>             | <b>£4442.50;</b> |
| <b>iv) Road gully Installation, Broughton primary school -</b>     | <b>£1,100;</b>   |
| <b>v) Footway Resurfacing, Wemyss Place, Peebles -</b>             | <b>£2320.30;</b> |

- vi) **Refurbishment to Whitestone park and Haylodge park gates - £2968.50  
(joint funded scheme with Property Maintenance);**
  - vii) **Contribution to floral improvements, Clovenfords – £100;**
  - viii) **Creation of hard standing area at Victoria Park, Walkerburn - £2,500;**
- (b) **approves the use of Quality of Life funding to create a new pedestrian bus shelter at Peebles Road, Innerleithen – £12,000.**

### **3 BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 Elected Members, Community Councils and the public can request potential Small Schemes funding support, Quality of Life funding support or Pay Parking funding support, 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.

### **4 Neighbourhood Small Schemes**

- 4.1 The following schemes have been requested for consideration utilising Small Schemes support to enhance the Tweeddale Area:-
- 4.2 Car parking improvements at Victoria Park, Innerleithen- £18,000 (Tweeddale East). This scheme has been put forward by the Innerleithen Community Council and would involve resurfacing (approx 650m<sup>2</sup>) of the Victoria Park Car parking area and re-lining all the parking bays, approximately 10no., including lining of the new area of Grass Crete that was carried out last year.
- 4.3 Road gully installation, Manor - £500 (Tweeddale West). These works were put forward by Councillor Bhatia in conjunction with a local resident of Kirkton Manor and would involve the installation of one road gully and connection in to an existing drainage pipe within the road network, outside the property know as The Manse in Kirkton Manor. This would alleviate water ponding on the carriageway.
- 4.4 Footway resurfacing, Bridgegate, Peebles - £4,442.50 (Tweeddale West). These works were requested by a Member of the Public and involves the re-surfacing of approximately 60m<sup>2</sup> of footpath from Provost Walker Court to the Sunflower restaurant. On inspection it was noted that this section of footpath has become uneven and whilst it would not be considered for resurfacing within the current footpath rating system criteria, elderly residents from Cuddyside and Provost Walker Court find it difficult to negotiate with walking aids and as there is no footpath on the opposite side of the road, they are forced to walk on the road.
- 4.5 Road Gulley Installation, Broughton - £1,100 (Tweeddale West). These works were brought to our attention by a local mother who sends her disabled child to the school. For years there has been a problem with water ponding at the School Gates, therefore we propose to install one small gully at the School Gates and 5m of drainage pipe to connect the gully in to the existing drainage system.
- 4.6 Footway Resurfacing, Wemyss Place, Peebles - £2,320.30 (Tweeddale West). A local resident contacted Councillor Cockburn who in turn contacted the Council regarding the issue of her garden fence being damaged by large vehicles mounting the footpath outside her property when trying to make the tight turn from Wemyss Place in to Gladstone Place. On inspection, it was noted that the existing kerb line was very low. Therefore we propose to raise 8m of kerb line to a 110mm up stand and resurface the area so as to discourage drivers from mounting the kerb.

- 4.7 Refurbishment to Whitestone park and Haylodge park (Tweeddale West) gates - £2,968.50 (joint funded scheme, with Property Maintenance).
- 4.8 Contribution to floral improvements, Clovenfords - £100 (Tweeddale East).
- 4.9 Creation of a hard standing area at Victoria Park, Walkerburn - £2,500 (Tweeddale East). These works will involve the creating a 500m<sup>2</sup> hard standing area for cars to park on using an unbound material such as recycled road plantings.

## **5 Quality Of Life**

- 5.1 The following scheme is requested for consideration utilising Quality of Life funding support to enhance the Tweeddale Area:-
- 5.2 The creation of a new pedestrian bus shelter at Peebles Road, Innerleithen - £12,000 (Tweeddale East). These works have been requested by the Innerleithen Community Council and will involve the erection of an open sided 3 bay cantilever shelter complete with seats. There will also be some patching works carried out in association with the bus shelter works so as to eradicate the issue of water pending at the bus stop location. 'Bus Stop' lining works will also be carried out as part of the works.

## **6 IMPLICATIONS**

### **6.1 Financial**

- (a) A budget of £34,200 is available for small schemes in the Tweeddale Area in 2014/15. Should the proposals be agreed the remaining balance will be £2,268.70
- (b) In addition, a budget of £20,000 is available for Quality of Life schemes in the Tweeddale Area in 2014/15. Should the proposals be agreed the remaining balance will be £8,000?
- (c) Pay Parking surplus currently stands at £8,278.

### **6.2 Risk and Mitigations**

If the budgets are not spent, the local area will not benefit from improvement works being carried out.

### **6.3 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.

### **6.4 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.

### **6.5 Carbon Management**

There are no significant effects anticipated on carbon emissions to the Council by doing or not doing what is proposed.

## 7 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 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 Interim 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 of Neighbourhood Services**

**Signature .....**

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**Background Papers:** None

**Previous Minute Reference:** None

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