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## TEVIOT AND LIDDESDALE AREA FORUM TUESDAY, 17TH FEBRUARY, 2015

A MEETING of the TEVIOT AND LIDDESDALE AREA FORUM will be held in the TOWN HALL,  
HAWICK on TUESDAY, 17 FEBRUARY 2015 at 6.30 pm

J. J. WILKINSON,  
Clerk to the Council,

10 February 2015

BUSINESS		
1.	<b>Apologies for Absence.</b>	
2.	<b>Order of Business.</b>	
3.	<b>Declarations of Interest.</b>	
4.	<b>Minute.</b> (Pages 1 - 4)  Minute of the meeting of the Teviot and Liddesdale Area Forum of 20 January 2015 to be approved. (Copy attached).	2 mins
5.	<b>Presentation.</b>  Borders Sports and Leisure – Mr E Jackson, Chief Executive Officer.	30 mins
6.	<b>Neighbourhood Small Schemes and Quality of Life.</b> (Pages 5 - 14)  Consider report by Service Director Neighbourhood Services. (Copy attached).	
7.	<b>Police Scotland.</b>  Update report by Police Inspector detailing ongoing work and initiatives in the Teviot and Liddesdale area.	
8.	<b>Scottish Fire &amp; Scottish Fire &amp; Rescue Service.</b> (Pages 15 - 18)  Update report by Russell Bell, Station Commander, detailing ongoing work and initiatives in the Teviot and Liddesdale Area.	
9.	<b>Open Questions</b>  Opportunity for members of the public to raise any issues not included on the agenda.	10 mins

10.	<b>Community Council Spotlight.</b>  Consider matters of interest to Community Councils.	10 mins
11.	<b>Any Other Items Previously Circulated.</b>	
12.	<b>Any Other Items which the Chairman Decides are Urgent.</b>	
13.	<b>Date of next Teviot and Liddesdale Area Forum Meeting.</b>  Tuesday, 17 March 2015 at 6.30 pm in the Tower Mill, Hawick.	2 mins

## NOTES

1. **Timings given above are only indicative and not intended to inhibit Members' discussions.**
2. **Members are reminded that, if they have a pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest in any item of business coming before the meeting, that interest should be declared prior to commencement of discussion on that item. Such declaration will be recorded in the Minute of the meeting.**

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**Membership of Committee:-** Councillors G Turnbull (Chairman), A Cranston, McAteer, S Marshall, D Paterson and R Smith

Mr M Grieve, Burnfoot Community Council  
Mr C Griffiths, Hobkirk Community Council  
Mr M Harrison, Southdean Community Council  
Mr W Roberts, Denholm and District Community Council  
Mr R Scott, Upper Liddesdale & Hermitage Community Council  
Mrs M Short, Hawick Community Council  
Mr T Stevenson, Upper Teviotdale & Borthwick Water  
Newcastleton & District.

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**SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL**  
**TEVIOT AND LIDDESDALE AREA FORUM**

MINUTE of the MEETING of the TEVIOT  
AND LIDDESDALE AREA FORUM held in the  
LESSER HALL, TOWN HALL, HAWICK on 20  
January 2015 at 6.30 p.m.

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Present:- Councillors G Turnbull, (Chairman), W McAteer, S Marshall, D Paterson, R Smith.  
Councillor A Cranston, Community Councillors: Mr C Knox (Hawick) Mr W Roberts (Denholm), Mr R Scott (Upper Liddesdale and Hermitage).

Apologies:- Mr M Grieve (Burnfoot), Mr C Griffiths (Hobkirk), Mrs M Short (Hawick), Inspector C Wood (Police Scotland), Station Commander R Bell (Scottish Fire & Rescue Service), Neighbourhood Area Manager (A Finnie)

In Attendance:- Mr D Richardson (Asset Manager), Mr A Young (Street Lighting Team Leader)  
Democratic Services Officers (J Turnbull).

Members of the Public:- 3 in attendance.

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**MINUTE**

1. There had been circulated copies of the Minute of the meeting held on 16 December 2014.

**DECISION**

**AGREED to approve the Minute.**

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTE**

2. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Minute, Councillor McAteer advised that he had contacted Mr J Raine, Chairman of NHS Borders, who had advised that he was unable to give any information on the proposed consultation at the present time. However, a Board meeting had been scheduled for 19 February to discuss the process and Councillors would be informed of the dates after that meeting. The Chairman advised that the date for the public consultation would be promoted. With reference to paragraph 13, a representative from Amey had been invited to attend the Forum and would provide an update at that time. The Forum reported that the Albert Bridge and Wilton Hill potholes required maintenance. Mr Richardson, Asset Manager, clarified that if Scottish Borders Council (SBC) carried out repairs to potholes; this work would have been coordinated through Amey and be recharged.

**DECISION**

**NOTED.**

**HAWICK CCTV**

3. There had been circulated copies of a report by Service Director Commercial Services outlining the existing Public Space CCTV camera provision options for the installation of additional Public Space CCTV cameras within the central area of the town. There were currently seven Public Space CCTV cameras located within central Hawick (Appendices A, B and C attached to the report referred). Members of Hawick and Hermitage Ward had expressed a desire for additional Public Space CCTV cameras to be located in the following areas – High Street/Sandbed; The Howegate; Drumlanrig Square; North Bridge Street, as shown in Appendices A, B and C attached to the report. Police Scotland had been consulted regarding the proposal and had supported additional cameras being located as detailed. Longer term the Council was unlikely to be in a position to fund the installation and maintenance of public space CCTV systems, though in conjunction with the Police it would be supportive of communities that were unable to fund such CCTV systems themselves. The

five Members in attendance unanimously supported the expansion of the CCTV system and thanked officers and the Police for their cooperation supporting the project. It was noted that by approving the project the Forum showed a commitment to the ongoing maintenance costs. The Chairman advised that the work would be completed by the end of the financial year. In respect of The Howegate, Mr Richardson, Asset Manager, advised that he would discuss with Mr Hastie, Estates Manager, the use of Council owned premises to host the recording equipment.

#### **DECISION**

- (a) **AGREED to £10,940 from the Pay & Display and Quality of Life Budgets to fund the installation and maintenance of additional public space cameras at the following locations:**

- (i) Town Centre
- (ii) North Bridge Street
- (iii) Howegate
- (iv) Drumlanrig Square

**The Quality of Life budget to be used first to fund the new camera installation and topped up using the Pay & Display budget; and**

- (b) **NOTED that longer term, the Council was unlikely to be in a position to fund the installation and ongoing maintenance of public space CCTV systems. However, in conjunction with the Police the Council would be supportive of communities that wished to install and maintain such systems at their cost. Proceeding with the proposed new CCTV cameras would ultimately mean that the Hawick community would have to fund the future maintenance of these cameras (and the existing CCTV installations) if they wished to retain them.**

#### **NEIGHBOURHOOD SMALL SCHEME WORKS**

4. There had been circulated, at the meeting, copies of an updated spreadsheet prepared by the Service Director Neighbourhood Services updating the Forum on previously approved Neighbourhood and Quality of Life Schemes. Councillor Smith advised that the shelter at the Wellogate cemetery had developed a leak could this be investigated? It was noted that the remaining balance for Neighbourhood Small Schemes was £3,755.00 and the Quality of Life balance was £13,975.00

#### **DECISION**

- (a) **NOTED the updates on previously approved Neighbourhood Small Schemes as detailed in Appendix A to the report; and**
- (b) **NOTED the updates on previously approved Neighbourhood Quality of Life Schemes as detailed in Appendix B to the report.**

#### **POLICE SCOTLAND**

5. There had been circulated, at the meeting, copies of a report from Inspector Wood, Police Scotland, which updated the Forum on the performance, activities and issues up to 31 December 2014. The report highlighted that reported crime was on a par as at this time last year. Whilst it was disappointing to see the drop in solvency rates, there had been a drop in the reports of serious and minor assaults and sexual crimes, coupled with an increase in the number of people being detected for the supply and production of drugs. There were currently 29 individuals at various stages of the anti social behaviour process. During December nine Anti Social Behaviour Fixed Penalty tickets had been issued. There had been a number of searches carried out, which had resulted in a number of recoveries of alcohol and one of drugs. On 9 December, a cattle lorry had been found abandoned on the Bonchester to Hawick road, a quad bike was on the back. The vehicle and bike had been stolen from Kirkton and a positive line of enquiry was progressing. Three quad bikes had been stolen from a secure farm shed in the Newcastleton area, enquiries were continuing. Visits to itinerant scrap metal dealers continued. Over the next few months, an information leaflet, covering a range of issues relating to agricultural theft, would be delivered to every farm in the Scottish Borders. Police Scotland would also utilise the Scottish Border Council SB Alert

scheme to disseminate information and appeals, and encouraged signing up to the scheme at [www.sbalert.co.uk](http://www.sbalert.co.uk). Road checks had been carried out in both Ward areas during the period. One ticket had been issued for the use of a mobile phone and one driver was given a warning for the anti social use of a motor vehicle. In Burnfoot, two persons were charged with a number of road traffic offences and two mopeds were seized. A large fire occurred at Spital Tower, Denholm resulting in extensive damage and the total loss of property. Enquiries established the fire was not suspicious. A male had been searched on the High Street and found to be in possession of a large kitchen knife; the male had been arrested, charged and kept in custody to appear at court. Officers had attended an alarm activation at the Superdrug premises and discovered the shop had been forcibly entered and various items stolen. On the same evening, there had also been an attempt to enter Yeomans' Outdoor Leisure premises. Enquiries had led to the search of two residential properties under warrant and enquires were progressing. As part of Operation Archerfish, officers had stopped a vehicle close to the Carter Bar, which was believed to be heading for Hawick, a search of the vehicle recovered drugs with a street value of £9,000. There had been a delay in updating the Ward plans and these should appear on the Police Scotland website in the next few weeks.

6. Councillor Marshall stated that Hobkirk Community Council were concerned at the increase in rural crime. Councillor McAteer expressed concern at the 12% drop in solvency rates and the increase in drug offences. He acknowledged that it was not the fault of Officers but the reduction in policing numbers that was the cause.

#### **DECISION**

**NOTED the Forum's concern to the drop in solvency rates.**

#### **SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE**

7. There had been circulated, at the meeting, a report from Scottish Fire and Rescue Service which updated the Forum on activity for the month of December 2014. There had been five house fire occurrences, two open fires, two special services and 10 unwanted fire signals. Initiatives being carried out in the area at the moment were: Young Drivers S6 Programme, aimed at educating new/potential drivers; Fire Safety Visits, all year round; Firesharp, face to face education within primary schools; Crucial Crew, a multi-agency event at Tweedbank for pupils; Fire Safety Audits; Fire Case Study and Adult & Child Protection policies ensuring multi agency involvement. The winter season thematic period was now active and focused on: Festive safety, safety at home, fire and alcohol and cooking safety. Councillor Marshall requested that in relation to unwanted fire signals, the Forum could be informed of the type of premises involved e.g. factory, business, shop. This information might assist in reducing the occurrences.

#### **DECISION**

**NOTED.**

#### **OPEN QUESTIONS**

8. A member of the public asked why the Council were proceeding with the Great Tapestry of Scotland project. He requested that the Leader of the Council advise the public at the next meeting the reasons for the Council's decision. The Chairman responded that he had voted against as he had not considered the project to be commercially viable, he also felt that the estimate of visitor numbers was over optimistic. Councillor Smith confirmed that he had voted for the proposal and he considered that the business case would be a positive outcome and the project was more a matter of economic development rather than culture. He advised that the building at Tweedbank would be owned by Scottish Borders Council and be leased to a new Trust which would operate the Tapestry attraction. The venue should also be marketed for events and occasions such as weddings. The cost was approximately half between SBC and the Scottish Government. Councillor McAteer had been concerned at the lack of debate to consider utilising suitable existing premises instead of a new build. Secondly, no consultation had taken place, for a significant capital spend of £275k over 30 years. The timing was not right of this project when there were cuts in services. Councillor Marshall agreed that it was not a priority for spending public money.

**DECISION**

**AGREED** that the Clerk request the Leader of the Council, advise the Forum the reasons for the Council's decision in relation to the Great Tapestry of Scotland project.

9. A member of the public stated that when the Roberton wind turbines were decommissioned, they would be too large to be transported back through Denholm and would be left on site.

**DECISION  
NOTED.**

10. In answer to a question regarding securing cameras on rural, public roads to deter crime, Councillor McAteer advised that security cameras could only be installed as a traffic measure.

**DECISION  
NOTED.****COMMUNITY COUNCIL SPOTLIGHT**

11. Mr Scott, Upper Liddesdale and Hermitage Community Council advised the Hermitage Village Hall Committee had advised that the Community Council could use the hall notice board for a fee of £45 per annum. The Forum hoped that they Hall Committee would allow use of their Notice Board. However, if there was no progress consideration would be given to providing the Forum with their own notice board.
12. Mr Roberts from Denholm Community Council advised on the progress of the election; the closing date for nominations was 28 January 2015. Notices had been published and a press release issued.
13. Mr Knox from Hawick Community Council advised that resilient leaflets were being delivered in the town. The use of a mobile catering unit was being considered for Wilton Lodge Park. They were awaiting a meeting with Council Officers and Ward Members to progress the Wilton Cemetery Remembrance Garden project forward. Wind farm blades would be delivered in February.

**DECISION  
NOTED the reports.****DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

14. Agreed that the next meeting be held on Tuesday, 17 February 2015 at 6.30 pm in the Lesser Hall, Town Hall, Hawick.

*The meeting concluded at 7.50 pm.*

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**NEIGHBOURHOOD SMALL SCHEMES, QUALITY OF LIFE and  
PAY & DISPLAY**

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**Report by Service Director Neighbourhood Services**

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**TEVIOT & LIDDESDALE AREA FORUM****17 FEBRUARY 2015**

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**1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY**

- 1.1 **This report seeks approval for the proposed new Quality of Life Scheme from the Area Forum and updates the Forum on previously approved Neighbourhood, Quality of Life and Pay & Display Schemes.**
- 1.2 The following Quality of Life Scheme has been requested for consideration by the Teviot & Liddesdale members: - installation of surface water drain at Denholm Dene.

**2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 **I recommend that the Teviot & Liddesdale Area Forum:**
- (a) **approves the following new Quality of Life Scheme for implementation:-**
    - (i) **Install surface water drainage at Denholm Dene. £2,343**
  - (b) **notes the updates on previously approved Neighbourhood Small Schemes as detailed in Appendix A to this report.**
  - (c) **notes the updates on previously approved Quality of Life Schemes as detailed in Appendix B to this report.**
  - (d) **notes the updates on previously approved Pay & Display schemes as detailed in Appendix C to this report.**
  - (e) **agrees to delegate authority to the Service Director Neighbourhood Services to allocate the remaining funds for the current financial year to Quality of Life and Neighbourhood Small Schemes, subject to consultation with, and approval by a majority of members of the Teviot & Liddesdale Area Forum through e-mail.**

### **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 scheme has been requested for consideration via these routes to enhance the Teviot & Liddesdale Area:-

- (a) Install surface water drain across C28 road from the existing road side ditch to the Dene, Denholm Village (£2,343). This request was received from local Ward Councillors.
- 3.2 Works will be scheduled to meet specific area needs, local timetable and to maximise the overall efficiency of the works programme.
- 3.3 Updates on previously approved Neighbourhood Small Scheme as detailed in Appendix A to this report.
- 3.4 Updates on previously approved Quality of Life Scheme as detailed in Appendix B to this report.
- 3.5 Updates on previously approved Pay & Display Schemes as detailed in Appendix C 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. There is a remaining budget of £2,097 in Hawick & Hermitage Ward and £1,658 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. It has been agreed previously that this budget will be split equally between the Hawick & Hermitage and Hawick & Denholm Wards. If the above scheme is approved, then there will be a remaining budget of £6,397 in Hawick & Denholm Ward for future schemes. There are no available funds remaining in Hawick & Hermitage Ward.

Appendix B up-dates on previously approved Quality of Life 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 is a proposed change to the Scheme of Delegation to the Service Director of Neighbourhood Services to approve Quality of Life and Neighbourhood Small Schemes which occur between Area Forum meetings, subject to consultation with and approval by a majority of members of the Teviot & Liddesdale Area Forum through e-mail.

### 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 have been incorporated in the final report.

#### Approved by

**Service Director Neighbourhood Services**

**Signature .....**

#### Author(s)

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**Background Papers:** None

**Previous Minute Reference:** None

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TEVIOT AND LIDDESDALE AREA  
NEIGHBOURHOOD SMALL SCHEMES

APPENDIX A

Location	Work Description	Origin	Date of Enquiry	Status <sup>1</sup>	Price	Available Budget	Comments
		Total Budget available for Neighbourhood Small Schemes				£34,702	
Hawick & Hermitage						£17,351	
Trinity Gardens, Hawick	Refurbish railings etc.			Completed	£1,945	£15,406	
Drumlanrig Square, Hawick	Refurbish railings etc.			Completed	£3,785	£11,621	
Wellogate Cemetery Extension, Hawick	Supply & install shelter			Completed	£3,200	£8,421	
The Mote, Hawick	Grass Cutting			Completed	£400	£8,021	
Green Terrace, Hawick	Repaint railings			Completed	£2,960	£5,061	
Weensland Road, Hawick	Refurbish railing.			Completed	£148	£4,913	
Riverside Walk, Hawick	Replumb fence			Completed	£138	£4,775	
Waverley Walk, Hawick	Upgrade footpath			Ongoing	£1,596	£4,775	Contribution from RSL's (£1,596)
Station Bridge, Hawick	Replace existing planters			Ordered	£120	£4,655	
Melgund Bridge	Install bench			Ordered	£150	£4,505	
Newcastleton Village	Install fingerpost signs			Ordered	£2,408	£2,097	
Hawick & Denholm						£17,351	
Maxton Court, Hawick	Install dropped kerbs			Completed	£2,100	£15,251	
Hornshole, near Hawick	Kerb edge of carriageway			Completed	£3,600	£11,651	
Wilton Path, Hawick	Repaint railings & wall repairs			Completed	£4,165	£7,486	
Wilton Path, Hawick	Footpath repairs			Completed	£1,580	£5,906	
Burnfoot , Hawick	Supply & install notice board			Completed	£550	£5,356	
Burnfoot, Hawick	Contribution towards power supply			Completed	£800	£4,556	
Wilton Park Area, Hawick	Refresh existing road markings			Completed	£1,000	£3,556	
Public Toilets, Denholm Village	Contribution towards repainting			Ordered	£575	£2,981	
Denholm Village	Install notice board			Ordered	£823	£2,158	
McLagan Drive, Hawick	Remark existing parking bays			Ordered	£500	£1,658	
		Remaining Balance for Neighbourhood Small Schemes				£3,755	

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## TEVIOT AND LIDDESDALE AREA QUALITY OF LIFE SCHEMES

## APPENDIX B

Location	Work Description	Origin	Date of Enquiry	Status <sup>1</sup>	Price	Available Budget	Comments
		Total Budget available for Quality of Life Schemes				£20,000	
Hawick & Hermitage						£10,000	
Teviot & Liddesdale	Purchase of Billy Goat Machine (50%)			Delivered	£1,260	£8,740	
Civic Space, Hawick	Repairs to flagstones			Ordered	£1,925	£6,815	
Hermitage Hall, Hermitage Water	Purchase of defibrillator			Installation in progress	£1,580	£5,235	
Hawick Town	Installation of additional CCTV cameras			Ordered	£5,235	£0	
Hawick & Denholm						£10,000	
Teviot & Liddesdale	Purchase of Billy Goat Machine (50%)			Delivered	£1,260	£8,740	
		Remaining Balance for Quality of Life Schemes				£8,740	

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## TEVIOT AND LIDDESDALE AREA PAY & DISPLAY SCHEMES

## APPENDIX C

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"Keeping People Safe"

**Teviot & Liddesdale Area Forum February 2015  
Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Report.**

**(Station Manager Russell Bell)**

**Purpose of the Report**

The purpose of this report is to inform the Teviot & Liddesdale Area Forum on Scottish Fire and Rescue Service activity for the month of January 2015.

**Response & Resilience activity in the Teviot & Liddesdale Area.**

Incident type	Occurrences	Detail	Casualties
Fire- House	3	3 x chimney fires.	0
Fire- Open	2	1 x refuse (deliberate ignition), 1 x car fire (cause- not known).	0
Special Service	4	3 x effecting entry to domestic premises, (requested by Police/ Ambulance), 1 x person fallen (assist Ambulance).	1 casualty
Unwanted Fire Signals	7	1 factory premises, 2 residential care, 3 domestic, 1 school.	N/A

**Prevention and Protection activity.**

Fire prevention and protection activity over recent years has been key to reducing the number of fires, casualties and losses in Scotland thus minimising the economic and social impact of fire on communities. The seasonal community safety calendar provides the catalyst for a number of initiatives and schemes throughout the calendar year.

Activity, which is ongoing at the moment within the Teviot & Liddesdale area;

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- Young Drivers S6 Programme- is an initiative aimed at educating new/ potential drivers. PowerPoint presentation in the classroom is followed by practical education with a crashed car in conjunction with local Scottish Fire and Rescue Service crews.
- Scottish Fire and Rescue Service staff in all our local stations provide Home Fire Safety Visits all year round. The visits provide the householder with a home visit, focussing on identifying and reducing the risks of fire in the home. Smoke detectors with a 10-year battery life are provided as part of this free service.
- Firesharp is an initiative for Primary 6 pupils, providing face-to-face education within our local Primary schools on matters of fire risk and prevention.
- Crucial Crew is the practical follow up to the P6 educational input. All P7 pupils in the area attend a multi-agency event at Tweedbank where they are placed in real life scenarios and guided on the appropriate safe actions.
- Fire Safety Audits provide a targeted examination of a business premises and their relevant documents to ascertain how the premises are being managed regarding fire safety. The enforcement officer also engages with members of staff to confirm their level of fire safety awareness.
- Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals are being addressed by our phased intervention actions which identifies premises which are producing 'false alarms', provides guidance on how to reduce a reoccurrence, and can also evoke legislation if occurrences fail to reduce in number- operationally, this can result in a reduction in the number of fire engines which will attend a 'repeat offender'.
- Fire Case Study and Adult & Child Protection Policies ensure multi agency involvement is provided for the support and protection for our higher risk members of the community.

### Thematic Planning

The Prevention & Protection departments of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service initiate thematic plans throughout the year aimed at making our communities safer.

The winter season thematic period is active and focuses on the following:

- Festive Safety
- Safety at Home
- Fire and Alcohol
- Cooking Safety

For the winter thematic period, P&P management will be required to report our level of success against the following indicators:

- a) Reduce the overall number of accidental fires in the home
- b) Reduce the overall number of accidental fire casualties and fatalities
- c) Minimise the number of accidental fires and fire casualties in the home involving persons over 60 years of age
- d) Target HFSV at high risk households (those most at risk and/ or most in need)
- e) Facilitate multi-agency partnership working to ensure the safety and wellbeing of vulnerable persons
- f) Provide relevant winter public safety information and advice
- g) Highlight the increased risk from fire and accidents over the festive period due to alcohol consumption

### Multi Ward Operating Plan

The Multi Ward Operating Plan for Teviot & Liddesdale, covering the Hawick & Hermitage/ Hawick & Denholm Wards has now been published. The plan sets out the priorities and objectives for the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) within the

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area. The SFRS will continue to work closely with our partners in Teviot & Liddesdale to ensure we are all 'Working Together For A Safer Scotland'. The plan can be accessed via the following link;

[Http://www.firescotland.gov.uk/your-area/east/ward-operational-plans.aspx](http://www.firescotland.gov.uk/your-area/east/ward-operational-plans.aspx)

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