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EILDON AREA FORUM THURSDAY, 8 DECEMBER 2016

A MEETING of the EILDON AREA FORUM will be held in the TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE,
GALASHIELS on THURSDAY, 8 DECEMBER 2016 at 6.30 pm

J. J. WILKINSON,
Clerk to the Council,

1 December 2016

BUSINESS		
1.	Apologies for Absence	
2.	Order of Business	
3.	Declarations of Interest	
4.	Minute (Pages 1 - 6) Minute of the meeting of 8 September 2016 to be approved (copy attached).	2 mins
5.	Partner Updates (Pages 7 - 10) (Copy of Scottish Fire & Rescue Service report attached).	15 mins
6.	Request for confirmation of Stopping Up Order for part of A708 at Corby Linn, Selkirk (Pages 11 - 14) Consider report by Service Director Assets & Infrastructure (copy attached).	10 mins
7.	Speed Limit Review 2016 (Pages 15 - 18) Consider report by Chief Officer, Roads (copy attached).	10 mins
8.	Disabled Persons Parking Places - Traffic Regulation Order (Pages 19 - 24) Consider report by Chief Officer Roads (copy attached).	10 mins
9.	Small Schemes and Quality of Life Projects Verbal update by Neighbourhood Area Manager.	10 mins
10.	Presentations	
	(a) Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015	20 mins
	(b) Allocation of Housing in the Scottish Borders - Eildon Area	20 mins

	(c) Youth rural poverty and homelessness in Galashiels	20 mins
11.	Community Council Spotlight Consider matters of interest to Community Councils	10 mins
12.	Open Questions Opportunity for members of the public to raise any issues not included on the agenda	5 mins
13.	Requests for Future Agenda Items	
14.	Any Other Items Previously Circulated	
15.	Any Other Items which the Chairman Decides are Urgent	
16.	Date of Next Meeting Thursday, 9 March 2017.	

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.**

Membership of Committee:- Councillors B. White (Chairman), S. Aitchison, M. Ballantyne, V. M. Davidson, G. Edgar, I. Gillespie, B. Herd, J. G. Mitchell, D. Parker, J. Torrance.
Community Council representatives.

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**SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL
EILDON AREA FORUM**

MINUTE of Meeting of the EILDON AREA FORUM held in the Waverley Chambers, Transport Interchange, Galashiels, on Thursday, 8 September, 2016 at 6.30 pm

- Present:- Councillors B White (Chairman), S. Aitchison (from para 2.2), M Ballantyne, G Edgar, I. Gillespie (from para 2.3), B Herd, J G Mitchell.
Community Council representatives:- R Kenney (Galashiels), T Cotter (Lilliesleaf, Ashkirk & Midlem), J McLaren, Employee Director (NHS Borders).
- Apologies:- Councillors V. M. Davidson, D. Parker and J. Torrance; Inspector M Bennett (Police Scotland), K Langley (Scottish Fire & Rescue Service).
- In Attendance:- Neighbourhood Area Manager (C Blackie), Democratic Services Officer (F Walling).
- One member of public.

1. ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Forum was not quorate until paragraph 2.3 of the Minute as there was not an elected Member present from each Ward at the beginning of the meeting. The Chairman therefore varied the order of business as shown on the agenda and the Minute reflects the order in which the items were considered at the meeting.

2. PRESENTATIONS

2.1 Raising concerns about alcohol in your community

Licensing Standards Officer, Mike Wynne, and Senior Development Officer, Alcohol and Drugs Partnership, Susan Walker, were in attendance to give a presentation on behalf of the Scottish Borders Licensing Forum. The presentation was in support of the publication of the Toolkit Resource for communities, copies of which were provided at the meeting. The toolkit was designed to help anyone who would like to have a say on how alcohol impacted on their community. It explained how the licensing process worked in Scotland and provided some practical tips to help people who wanted to get involved. In response to the question 'Why is alcohol licensed?' Mr Wynne advised that due to the harm associated with the product, alcohol was deemed a high risk product and therefore subject to regulation. The licensing system existed to regulate the sale of alcohol to minimise harm. There were three types of alcohol license: permanent (premises); temporary (occasional); and personal in respect of managers/supervisors that managed the sale of alcohol. The Licensing Board was made up of 10 elected Councillors but also involved in the process of deciding who could sell alcohol were the Licensing Standards Officers, Police, Health Board, Community Councils, Local Licensing Forum and members of the Community. The presentation went on to summarise the licensing application process and how Community Councils could raise concerns, if they wished, about alcohol in the community. Community Councils could report problems to the Police or Licensing Standards Officer; input to the planning process; get involved with the Local Licensing Forum; comment on alcohol licence applications; and speak to their local Councillor. Further details and advice about how to raise concerns were outlined in the toolkit booklet. Parties putting in an objection or representations in respect of an application would be invited by the Licensing Board to attend the hearing at which the license would be considered. For reference Ms Walker drew attention to the Alcohol Profile 2014/15, copies of which were also available at the meeting. This was the third report by the Local

Licensing Forum which aimed to collectively present information relating to evidence of alcohol-related harm in the Scottish Borders based on national research as well as local data from Police Scotland, NHS Borders, Scottish Borders Council and Scottish Fire and Rescue Service. Mr Wynne and Ms Walker concluded the presentation by answering questions from those present.

MEMBER

Councillor Aitchison joined the meeting.

2.2 Earlston Locality Learning and Youth Work Partnerships

In attendance to give a presentation about the work of the Earlston Learning Community Partnership was Susan Law, Earlston Voluntary Sector Manager. Handouts relating to the presentation and a profile of the Earlston Learning Community were provided at the meeting in addition to a sheet summarising Voluntary Youth Services in the Earlston catchment area. It was explained that there were currently 2,328 young people in the Earlston catchment area with a High School roll of approximately 1050. The figures for deprivation in Earlston were relatively low. However geographical access was a major contributing factor to lack of youth opportunities. Youth Work Development involved partnership working with schools and other local and borders-wide organisations to bring more opportunities to young people to tackle issues such as young carers, mental health and drug and alcohol misuse. Aims were to increase and support youth services in the eight towns and villages within the Earlston catchment; give direction to the part time Development Worker and newly appointed sessional staff; submit, monitor and review funding applications for salary, core costs and service development; provide educational and recreational opportunities for all young people; and to look at the long term development of the organisation to make it sustainable into the future. Ms Law highlighted work being carried out in relation to the priorities identified: Education, with a focus on the number of people 16+ years with few or no qualifications; the cost of and access to transport which affected access for young people to extra-curricular activities and work experience; and the promotion of healthy lifestyles and support for mental health issues. With regard to staffing of the services, the manager was contracted for 21 hours per week. A grant of £10k, received from the Moffatt Trust, was being used to pay for the present sessional youth worker and youth work opportunities were supported by 14 adult volunteers. Funding was in place until December 2017 for the manager's post but the organisation was continually looking for funding for project costs and sessional staff. Every pound received from Scottish Borders Council had been matched with £3 from other sources. New board members were required as a matter of urgency. Members indicated their keen interest in the issues raised in the presentation. In particular they discussed the need for a specific community space, for young people to go, in Earlston and it was understood that the Earlston Community Development Trust may also be exploring this issue. It was noted that, when asked for their views, having a place to get together outside school was the main priority for young people. Councillor Aitchison offered to follow up this issue with officers within the Council's Education section.

MEMBER

Councillor Gillespie joined the meeting.

2.3 Galashiels Hydropower Project

A presentation on the Galashiels Hydropower Project was given by Hans Waltl. Also present was Stan Johnston to give further information about the water engine technology involved. The project aimed to unlock the potential and to revive the caulds and mill lades of the Gala Water as an energy source for Galashiels. In his introduction Mr Waltl referred to the history of the Gala Water and its mill lades in providing power for industry and around which the town of Galashiels was developed. A timeline was shown starting in 1699 when the first town lade was developed and a map and photographs illustrated the water infrastructure as it now appeared. There were many types of water engineering technology available but a key challenge was the relatively low water head heights of the waterways in Galashiels. It was proposed to use innovative hydro generation technology

'the Water Engine' as a solution to capture the energy potential in these cases. The proposed string of sites were indicated on a plan of the Gala Water and lades. The aim was to provide power to nearby premises with an estimate of 3GWh production which would meet 20% of domestic demand. It was pointed out that the project could provide a demonstrator that, if successful, may be applicable to many other waterways across the Borders and Scotland. Mr Johnston explained that the Water Engine used a system of floats which were raised and lowered by water engineering. A system of hydraulic rams was used to convert this motion into high pressure fluid which could be used in numerous ways including for hydro-electricity. The project would be managed by two community-owned companies which would also be run for community benefit. One, which would be grant funded, would work to restore the lades and caulds and the other would be concerned with the generating equipment. The companies would work in partnership with Scottish Borders Council, SEPA, River Tweed Commission, Tweed Forum, Borders College, Scottish Borders Housing Association and Energise Galashiels. In the ensuing discussion Members recognised this as an innovative and fascinating project with exciting potential for Galashiels. In response to questions about financial plans relating to capital investment and the issue of shares, Mr Waltl advised that the intention was to publish a prospectus early in November.

- 2.4 The Chairman thanked those attending who had given the interesting and informative presentations and in view of the disappointing Community Council representation at the Area Forum asked for copies of the presentations to be circulated to all Community Councils following the meeting.

DECISION

- (a) **NOTED the presentations.**
- (b) **AGREED that copies of the presentations be circulated for information to Community Councils.**

MEMBER

Councillor Edgar left the meeting.

3. **NEIGHBOURHOOD SMALL SCHEMES AND QUALITY OF LIFE FUND**
Neighbourhood Area Manager, Craig Blackie, gave a verbal update on the progress of schemes and projects under the Small Schemes and Quality of Life budgets. It was noted that details continued to be circulated to Members for approval by email. Mr Blackie also gave an update about the work of the environmental wardens who were introduced from the end of May 2016 to specifically address litter and dog fouling issues. A total of 31 fixed penalty notices had been issued in the area, two of which were for dog fouling and the remainder for litter. Apprehension of dog fouling incidents was mainly intelligence-led and Mr Blackie pleaded for information about habitual offenders to be passed to him via the Council website. He stressed that the environmental wardens were being employed as part of a year's trial following which a report would go back to Council on how effective they had been. Although it was not currently the Council's policy to advertise where, in the Borders, the wardens would be operating Members believed that it would be effective to release advanced information about where they were patrolling to raise awareness and reduce dog fouling and litter offences.

DECISION

NOTED the update.

4. PARTNER UPDATES

4.1 NHS Borders

Employee Director John McLaren gave a verbal update. He reported that a recent NHS Borders Annual Review had been well attended. The main issue for discussion at the Annual Review and at the Integrated Joint Board meetings was the financial challenge

facing the services in the forthcoming year and beyond. In this respect, Mr McLaren confirmed that he would keep the Area Forum informed of any issues which involved public engagement. He concluded his update with confirmation that WiFi would be available in the dining area and in some wards at the Borders General Hospital from early September.

4.2 **Police Scotland**

Inspector Mike Bennett was unable to attend the meeting but his report had been circulated and he asked that any issues raised be passed on to him. In an introduction, the report advised that a new Divisional Commander had been appointed for the Lothians and Scottish Borders area. Chief Superintendent Ivor Marshall took up his role on 18 May 2016 and said “It is a pleasure and a privilege to have been appointed as the Police Commander for The Lothians and Scottish Borders – my local division. Building upon all the good work of my predecessors and drawing upon the ongoing commitment and hard work of all officers and staff, I am confident that the Division will deliver positive outcomes in keeping with agreed local plans. We will be relentless in our prevention and detection of crime, we will be resolute in protecting citizens from harm, and we will be proactive in promoting the wellbeing of everyone who lives in or visits the Lothians and Scottish Borders. Having the support of local communities is vitally important to our work so we will ensure that our values of integrity, fairness and respect sit at the heart of all that we do so that we maintain the trust and confidence of the people we serve.” The report went on to give details of the focus of police work in the Multi Member Ward areas of Galashiels and District, Selkirkshire and Leaderdale and Melrose. With regard to the Local Festivals, police had been involved with committees in the organisation and delivery of the local common ridings and festivals. This year’s events had been a great success with very little in the way of disorder. This was due largely to the good communication and planning that went into these events, most of which the public were not aware of. Police Scotland would like to thank the organisers for working in partnership to deliver these events. The report concluded with a reminder that Police Scotland’s public consultation process was online and would be open all year. The consultation, which would be a completely transparent process, would shape the way that policing was coordinated across Scotland and in local communities.

4.3 **Scottish Fire and Rescue Service**

Station Manager, Keith Langley, had circulated his report but sent apologies for his absence. The report summarised response and resilience activity in the Eildon Area since the last Area Forum meeting. Fire prevention and protection activity continued to be key to reducing the number of fires, casualties and losses, thus minimising the economic and social impact of fire on communities. The report drew attention to activity ongoing within the Eildon Area. One of these, the TD1 Initiative, involved a one-day a week, six-week course over the school holidays. During the pilot, fire fighters were paired with TD1 candidates working on the Bronze Youth Initiative. The syllabus included team building, health and well-being, CPR, consequence of fire, developing employability etc. All candidates achieved the Bronze Youth Initiative award. Moving into the Autumn, the seasonal community safety calendar and thematic action plan would focus activities on older and vulnerable persons; bonfire safety; student safety; and electrical and chimney safety. The Local Authority Liaison Officer was in post within Council Headquarters in order to continue to improve partnership working. The primary aims of this activity were to help ensure the safety and welfare of vulnerable persons and to seek to reduce the overall numbers of accidental dwelling fires, fire casualties and fire fatalities in homes.

DECISION

NOTED the updates.

5. **COMMUNITY COUNCIL SPOTLIGHT**

Lilliesleaf, Ashkirk and Midlem Community Councillor, Tom Cotter, gave information about a coffee morning being held in Midlem Village Hall on 24 September from 10 am – 12 pm,

at which a Pensions Adviser from the Citizens Advice Bureau would be in attendance to give advice.

**DECISION
NOTED.**

6. OPEN QUESTIONS

There were no open questions.

**DECISION
NOTED.**

7. MINUTE

7.1 There had been circulated copies of the Minute of 12 May 2016.

**DECISION
APPROVED for signature by the Chairman.**

7.2 With regard to paragraph 2.2 of the Minute, Councillor Aitchison gave some clarification about consultation in relation to the review of the school estate provision and to rural schools in particular. Views had been put forward in the pre-consultation that the Council should engage with communities at an early stage when school rolls were dropping, to look at what sustainability actions could be taken. Letters would therefore be sent shortly to parents and guardians of pupils in those schools with rolls of less than 50 to explain how this would be taken forward.

**DECISION
NOTED.**

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The following would be on the agenda of the next meeting:-

- (a) Community Empowerment Bill
- (b) TD1 Youth Hub Exhibition 'Youth Poverty and Homelessness'

The Chairman expressed his disappointment at the low turnout of Community Council representatives and advised of his intention to contact Community Councils prior to the next meeting to encourage better attendance.

**DECISION
NOTED.**

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be held on Thursday 8 December 2016 at 6.30 pm at the Transport Interchange, Galashiels.

The meeting concluded at 8.35 pm

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**Eildon Area Forum 8th December 2016
Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Report.**

Purpose of the Report

The purpose of this report is to inform the Eildon Area Forum on Scottish Fire and Rescue Service activity since the last forum meeting on 20th August 2016.

Within the Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2014-2017 for the Scottish Borders five priorities are identified;

1. Reduction of Dwelling Fires
2. Reduction of Fire Casualties and Fatalities
3. Reduction of Deliberate Fire Setting(Not including Dwellings)
4. Reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals
5. Reduction in Road Traffic Collisions.

Response & Resilience activity in the Eildon Area

Incident type	Occurrences	Detail	Casualties
Fire- House	3(-1) 6	3 occurred in single occupancy premises. 1 chimney fire	0
Fire- Open	6 11		0
Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals	19(-41) 29	Intervention continues with BGH	0
Special Service	13(-10) 16	RTC - 6 Effecting entry - 2 Flooding - 3 Animal rescue – 0 1 False alarm 1 Assist other agencies 5 Other e.g. remove item, etc	5 0 0 0 0 0 0

November figures are incomplete due the closeness of reporting period.

Partnership Working

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) community action team (CAT) within the Scottish Borders core work centres on creating referral pathways with partner agencies, the on-going delivery of the SFRS Home Fire Safety Visit (HFSV) policy and Enhanced HFSV for

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those deemed most at risk. The team continues to expand its partnership working with the key agencies including Police Scotland, Health, Social Care and Housing in order to focus on members of local communities at high risk from fire and achieve positive outcomes in helping to reduce overall numbers of accidental dwelling fires.

SFRS Command Officers continue to attend the Safety Advisory Group meetings to ensure SFRS assist in the production of appropriate Operational Plans for events within the Scottish Borders.

Prevention and Protection

Fire prevention and protection activity is 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 that is ongoing now within the Eildon area;

- SFRS staffs in all our local stations provide home fire safety visits all year round. These 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.
- Galashiels staff are delivering road safety awareness training to students from Borders College. This year on year initiative, during the first term of the new academic year targets young drivers and prospective drivers from across the entire Scottish Borders
- All SFRS stations are participating in the British Heart Foundation initiative- Call Push Rescue. Stations are providing free CPR training to the public on a monthly basis to build resilience in the community and to drive down the numbers of people who die from cardiac arrest.
- All stations will soon be involved in the SFRS Out Of Hospital Cardiac Arrest (OHCA) project. Four pilots are running in the Scottish Borders at this time. Lauder Community Fire Station is part of the pilot programme along with Hawick, Coldstream and Jedburgh stations. This will see SFRS resources being deployed along with ambulance crews to assist with cardiac arrests. The project targets reducing the number of people who die from OHCA in Scotland by 1000 a year by 2020. The figure is currently at 3400 per year.
- SFRS working in partnership with TD1 and Community Learning Development successfully delivered the pilot diversionary project in Galashiels for youths through the summer holidays. This ran one day a week, and included inputs from partner agencies, and resulted in a recognised award for the participants. SFRS are exploring the potential benefits to individuals involved with the pilot through longer term mentoring
- 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.
- 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 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.

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- SFRS Safeguarding Policy and Procedure for Protection of Children and Adults at Risk of Harm was implemented to link into adult and child protection. The policy has created closer ties with Social Services within Scottish Borders and ensures those people and families that fire crews identify as at risk are brought to the attention of Social Services. This has resulted in joint visits to homes to reduce risk to those occupiers.
- We are developing a strong partnership with the local Domestic Abuse Advocacy Service and involvement in Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC). The Local Authority Liaison Officer (LALO) and Scottish Borders Station Manager for Prevention and Protection are fully involved in all local MARAC processes, attending the monthly conferences and all steering group meetings.

As we move into the winter the seasonal community safety calendar and thematic action plan will focus our activities on the following areas;

- Winter and Festive Safety
- Chimney Safety, Stoves and Carbon Monoxide
- Use of Candles and Tea Lights
- Alcohol, Cooking and Smoking
- Vulnerable Persons

We will work closely with our partners in the Scottish Borders Council Safer Communities Team as well as local partnerships to promote preventative work as well as inter agency solutions.

The LALO is in post within Council HQ in order to continue improving partnership working, with particular focus on the elderly and more vulnerable members of society. The primary aims of this partnership activity are to help ensure the safety and welfare of vulnerable persons throughout the community, and to seek to reduce the overall numbers of accidental dwelling fires, fire casualties and fire fatalities in homes.

Retained Duty system

A national recruitment campaign is on-going for RDS firefighters at identified stations within the Scottish Borders.

Local Fire and Rescue Plan

The Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Scottish Borders 2014- 2017 has been published. The local plan sets out the priorities for the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, and we will continue to work with our community planning partners and local communities to make the most efficient use of resources and contribute towards the shared priorities and actions within the community planning partnership and community safety arrangements. The Multi Ward Operating Plan for Eildon 2015/16 is complete and available within the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Web page.

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REQUEST FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF THE STOPPING-UP ORDER FOR PART OF THE A708 AT CORBY LINN, SELKIRK

Report by Service Director Assets & Infrastructure

EILDON AREA FORUM

8 December 2016

1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report seeks the confirmation of the Stopping-Up Order for part of the A708 at Corby Linn, Selkirk.**
- 1.2 Part of the northern branch of A708 by Corby Linn, Selkirk has been removed as part of the Selkirk Flood Prevention Scheme. Traffic is now routed along the southern branch of the A708 following recent improvements to the local road network.
- 1.3 The works detailed are not covered by the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009 under which the Selkirk Flood Prevention Scheme is being undertaken, therefore a retrospective Stopping-Up Order is required to formalise the works which have been undertaken to date.
- 1.4 A plan showing the area in question is attached in Appendix A.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 I recommend that the Eildon Area Forum:-**
 - (a) Approves the stopping-up of part of the A708 at Corby Linn, Selkirk, a length of approximately 52 metres.**
 - (b) Subject to there being no substantive objections, delegate authority to confirm the Order to the Council's Chief Legal Officer.**

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Selkirk Flood Prevention Scheme was commissioned after being identified as a high priority area for investment for flood prevention measures, due to ongoing flooding issues.
- 3.2 The £31.4 million scheme was one of the first projects submitted for approval under the new Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009. The scheme will protect 700 homes and 120 businesses, along with critical infrastructure.
- 3.3 In January 2016, R J McLeod began construction of the Main Works Contract for the scheme. The project is scheduled for completion by Christmas 2016.
- 3.4 A section of the A708 at Corby Linn was required to be removed in order to divert the Long Philip Burn from its artificially straightened channel into a new meandering channel. This also incorporates part of a new area for parkland running all the way from the Bridge Street footbridge.

4 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Financial

All costs associated with the Stopping-Up Order are being borne by the Selkirk Flood Prevention Scheme.

4.2 Risk and Mitigations

No elements of risk have been identified in relation to this proposal and no specific additional concerns need to be addressed.

4.3 Equalities

An Equalities Impact Assessment has been carried out on this proposal and it is anticipated that there are no adverse equality implications.

4.4 Acting Sustainably

There will be no economic, social or environmental effects of carrying out this proposal.

4.5 Carbon Management

It is anticipated there are no significant implications from the proposals contained in the report.

4.6 Rural Proofing

There are no rural proofing implications arising from this proposal.

4.7 Changes to Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation

There are no changes to be made to either the Scheme of Administration or the Scheme of Delegation as a result of the proposals contained in this report.

5 CONSULTATION

- 5.1 The Chief Financial Officer, the Monitoring Officer, the Chief Legal Officer, the Chief Officer Audit and Risk, the Chief Officer HR and the Clerk to the Council have been consulted and any comments received have been incorporated into the final report.

Approved by

Martin Joyce

Service Director Assets & Infrastructure

Signature

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SPEED LIMIT REVIEW 2016

Report by Chief Officer, Roads

EILDON AREA FORUM

8 December 2016

1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

- 1.1 **This report proposes to extend the 30mph speed limit on Haughhead Road, Earlston.**
- 1.2 The road was previously assessed and did not meet the criteria set out by Scottish Government, although further discussions with Police Scotland and concerns by the public have increased support.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **I recommend that the Eildon Area Forum approves the amendment to The Scottish Borders Council Restricted Roads Order 1985 to include the section of road shown in Appendix A and described in Appendix B.**

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 In accordance with Government guidance, speed limits should seek to reinforce people's assessment of what is a safe speed to travel. Scottish Borders Council has a statutory duty to set local speed limits in situations where local needs and considerations deem it necessary for drivers to adopt a speed which is different from the national speed limit.
- 3.2 A Scottish Borders-wide Speed Limit Review was carried out in 2015, to consider the representations which had been made (generally seeking lower speeds) or on sites which officers had identified as warranting investigation.
- 3.3 Haughhead Road, Earlston was assessed and did not meet the criteria.
- 3.4 Further concerns were received from members of the public and it was agreed to reengage with Police Scotland and recommend the extension of the 30mph speed limit.
- 3.5 The extent of the proposed speed limit is shown in Appendix A and described in Appendix B.
- 3.6 As with all TROs, the Council has to undertake a two stage consultation process. Firstly there is a statutory consultation with bodies that have a direct interest such as emergency services, freight and public transport representatives and community councils. Following that process, the proposal requires to be advertised locally (local press and on-street notices) to allow others the opportunity to comment or object.
- 3.7 Statutory Consultation on the proposals was carried out from 19 September 2016 to 17 October 2016. No comments or objections were received during this period.
- 3.8 The proposals were advertised to the public from 27 October 2016 to 25 November 2016. No comments or objections were received during this period.

4 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Financial

The financial implications associated with the recommendations relates to the advertising costs and the provision of new signs. Approximate costs are as follows:-

Advertising	£1,500
Signs	£1,000

The cost would be borne by the Aids to Movement budget.

4.2 Risk and Mitigations

- (a) The risk of not proceeding with the recommendations is that drivers progress along the section of road at speeds inappropriate to the conditions increasing risk of injury should an accident occur.
- (b) The risk of proceeding with the introduction of the speed limit at this site is that an errant vehicle may strike a sign post holding the signs necessary to indicate the restriction. This risk will be mitigated by design of appropriate sign pole.

4.3 Equalities

An Equalities Impact Assessment has been carried out on this proposal and it is anticipated that there are no adverse equality implications.

4.4 Acting Sustainably

There are no significant impacts on the economy, community or environment arising from the proposals contained in this report.

4.5 Carbon Management

There are no significant effects on carbon emissions arising from the proposals contained in this report.

4.6 Rural Proofing

It is anticipated there will be no adverse impact on the rural area from the proposals contained in this report.

4.7 Changes to Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation

There are no changes to be made to either the Scheme of Administration or the Scheme of Delegation as a result of the proposals contained in this report.

5 CONSULTATION

- 5.1 The Chief Financial Officer, the Monitoring Officer, Chief Legal Officer, Chief Officer Audit and Risk, Chief Officer Human Resources and the Clerk to the Council have been consulted and any comments received have been incorporated into the final report.

Approved by

David Girdler
Chief Officer Roads

Signature

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Background Papers: None

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DISABLED PERSONS PARKING PLACES - TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

Report by Chief Officer, Roads

EILDON AREA FORUM

8 December 2016

1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

1.1 This report proposes to amend The Scottish Borders Council (Disabled Persons Parking Places) Order 2015

1.2 Since the original order in 2015 a number of additional requests have been received and bays which are no longer required have been removed. This report details the amendments within the Eildon area as part of a region-wide Traffic Regulation Order (omitting those which are no longer required since the beginning of consultation).

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 I recommend that the Eildon Area Forum approves the amendment of disabled parking places in the Eildon Area listed in Appendix A (as amended by removals) to The Scottish Borders Council (Disabled Persons Parking Places) Order 2015.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Disabled Persons Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2009 came into effect on 1st October 2009 and imposed a duty on Local Authorities to provide advisory on-street parking places for disabled persons.
- 3.2 Under the Councils Scheme of Administration, Area Forums approve the making temporary, permanent or experimental orders for the regulation of traffic.
- 3.3 The proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) covers the whole of the Scottish Borders Council Area and this Area Forum is asked only to approve disabled bays within its own area.
- 3.4 Since the TRO was prepared and advertised, a number of disabled bays are now not required and have been brought to our attention for removal. These bays will not be included in the final TRO and are shown as struck off in the draft schedule shown in Appendix A. This could have been for any number of reasons, such as death or failure to renew the blue badge.
- 3.5 Statutory Consultation on the proposals was carried out from 28/06/2016 to 26/07/2016. No adverse comments or objections were received.
- 3.6 The proposals were advertised to the public from 15/08/2016 to 16/09/2016. No adverse comments or objections were received.

4 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Financial

The costs associated with signs and lines have already been incurred when the disabled bays were introduced as advisory bays under the Disabled Persons Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2009. The only remaining costs are associated with advertising and making of the Traffic Regulation Order.

Advertising region-wide TRO £3,000

These costs would be borne by Network's Aids to Movement budget.

4.2 Risk and Mitigations

- (a) The risks of not proceeding with the recommendation are that the bays would not be enforceable.
- (b) There are no perceived risks of proceeding with the recommendation.

4.3 Equalities

An Equalities Impact Assessment has been carried out on this proposal and it is anticipated that there are no adverse equality implications.

4.4 Acting Sustainably

There are no significant impacts on the economy, community or environment arising from the proposals contained in this report.

4.5 Carbon Management

There are no significant impacts on the carbon emissions arising from the proposals contained in this report.

4.6 Rural Proofing

It is anticipated that there are no adverse effect on the rural are from the proposals contained in this report.

4.7 Changes to Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation

There are no changes to be made to either the Scheme of Administration or the Scheme of Delegation as a result of the proposals contained in this report.

5 CONSULTATION

5.1 The Chief Financial Officer, the Monitoring Officer, the Chief Legal Officer, the Chief Officer Audit and Risk, the Chief Officer HR and the Clerk to the Council have been consulted and any comments received have been incorporated into the final report.

Approved by

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Appendix A

Earlston

E131	Queens Way (north side)	34m west of junction with road to Summerfield, west for 6.6m
E140	Everest Road (north side)	43m north east of junction with Queens Way, north east for 6.6m
E141	Queens Way (north side)	33m east of junction with Everest Road, east for 6.6m
E142	High Street (north side)	65m east of junction with B6356, east for 6.6m
E059	Huntshaw Road/Rhymers Court	REMOVE

Galashiels

E116	St Andrew Street (east side)	8m north of junction with St John Street, north for 6.6m
E119	Broom Drive (east side)	9m south-west of Whin Court junction, second most northerly parking bay
E120	Balnakiel Terrace (north west parking area)	Most south easterly parking bay
E121	Forest Gardens (north side)	44m east of junction with Forest Avenue, east for 6.6m
E122	Forest Hill (west leg)	Most northerly bay
E124	Elm Row (east side)	39m north of junction with Church Street, north for 6.6m
E126	Meigle Street (south side)	43m west of junction with Forest Gardens, west for 6.6m
E127	Balmoral Avenue (west side)	22m north of junction with Forest Gardens, north for 6.6m
E129	Dean Street (north side)	5m east of junction with Thistle Street, east for 6.6m
E133	Woodstock Avenue (south side)	21m west of most easterly car park, west for 6.6m
E134	Kenilworth Avenue (north side)	80m west of junction with Winston Road, west for 6.6m
E135	Woodstock Avenue (south side)	7m west of most easterly car park, west for 6.6m
E144	Meigle Street (north side)	99m west of junction with Balmoral Place, west for 6.6m
E146	Balnakiel Terrace (east parking area)	3rd most westerly bay
E147	Larchbank Street (west side)	South layby
E154	Magdala Terrace (north side)	116m west of junction with Halliburton Terrace, west for 6.6m
E155	Balmoral Drive (east side)	19m south of junction with Balmoral Terrace, south for 6.6m
E156	Broom Drive (most north easterly parking area)	Most westerly bay
E157	Woodstock Avenue (south side)	5.5m west of junction to car park o/s houses no 120-140, west for 6.6m
E158	Forest Crescent (west side)	19m north of junction with Forest Road, north for 6.6m
E159	Galabank Street (parking area o/s 1-27)	Most south easterly parking bay
E160	Halliburton Place (north side)	205m west of junction with Ladhope Bank, west for 6.6m
E176	Balmoral Road (west side)	152m west then south of Balmoral Drive junction, south for 6.6m
E002	Croft Street	REMOVE

E003	Wood Street	REMOVE
E030	Broom Drive	REMOVE
E100	Gala Park	REMOVE
E004	Balmoral Avenue	REMOVE
E088	Wood Street	REMOVE
E021	Glenfield Terrace	REMOVE

Lauder

E125	Mid Row (north side)	36m south east of junction with Mill Wynd, south east for 6.6m
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Lilliesleaf

E132	B6359 Main Street (south side)	206m north east of Muselie Drive, north east for 6.6m
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Melrose

E169	St Dunstans Park (north east to south west leg)	31m south west of main leg of St Dunstans Park
E170	Eildon Crescent (south east side)	31m south west of junction with Barrons Way

Newtown St Boswells

E138	Park Crescent (south side)	73m east of junction with Glenburn Avenue, east for 6.6m
E167	Sprouston Road (north side)	56m west of junction with Park Crescent, west for 6.6m
E168	Whitefield Court (north east car park)	5th most westerly bay

Selkirk

E117	Bemersyde Crescent (north west parking area)	Most westerly space
E118	Thirlestane Terrace (south parking area)	Centre parking bay
E128	Thirlestane Terrace (south parking area)	Most south easterly parking bay
E130	Eastfield Road (east side)	28m south of junction with Thirlestane Terrace, south for 6.6m
E136	Murray Place (east side)	28m south of junction with Bannerfield Drive, south east for 6.6m
E137	Ladyschaw Drive (south car park)	Most south westerly bay
E143	Thirlestane Terrace (north east side)	22m east of junction with Eastfield Road
E148	Balnagowan Road (north side)	66m west of junction with Bleachfield Road, west for 6.6m
E162	Back Row (west side)	19m north of junction with South Port, north for 6.6m
E163	Forest Road (west side)	156m south then north of junction with Victoria Crescent, north for 6.6m
E164	Bridge Street (north east side)	26m south east of junction with A707, south east for 6.6m
E172	Bleachfield Road (west side)	15m south of junction with Ladyschaw Drive, south for 6.6m

E175	Elm Park (north west side)	29m south west of junction with Thornfield Terrace, south west for 6.6m
E055	Shawburn Road	REMOVE
E040	Castle Street	REMOVE
E092	Forest Road	REMOVE

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E110	Lauder Road	REMOVE
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