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**Eildon
Area Partnership**

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Meeting

Date: Thursday, 27 June 2019
Time: 6.00 pm – 8.30 pm
Location: Galashiels Academy – Main Hall

AGENDA

Doors open 6.00 pm for tea and coffee - meeting starts at 6.30 pm

1.	Welcome and Introductions
2.	Inspire Learning An opportunity to see what it will look like and understand how it will benefit all teachers and pupils across the Scottish Borders.
3.	Consumption of Alcohol in Public Places Consultation to help inform the Council in considering if there are areas in the Scottish Borders where drinking alcohol in a public place should not be allowed.
4.	Provision of Outdoor Community Spaces (Pages 3 - 14) Update on the programme of work delivering a strategic network of outdoor community spaces, including current planned investment and recommendations on obsolete play areas (copy of report attached).
5.	Small Scheme Projects (Pages 15 - 16) Consider note by Service Director Assets & Infrastructure (copy attached).
6.	Feedback from meeting on 7 March 2019 (Pages 17 - 24) Copy of minute attached.
7.	Rural Transport: Area Partnership Priorities An opportunity for the Area Partnership to discuss specific rural transport related issues and priorities that should be raised at a planned rural transport conference (28 June 2019).
8.	Nominations for SBC Elected Member for the Community Council Scheme Review Working Group
9.	Eildon Community Fund 2019-20 Applications

10.	Other business
	(a) Communities Network
11.	Date of next meeting

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PUBLIC PLAY FACILITIES STRATEGY - EILDON

Report by Service Director Assets & Infrastructure

EILDON AREA PARTNERSHIP

27 June 2019

1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report sets out guidance and recommendations for the Eildon Area for future investment in Public Play facilities and proposals for the removal of obsolete play areas, agreed as part of the 2018/19 Capital Investment Plan and updated within the Capital Investment Plan 2019-20.

The 2019/20 Capital Investment Plan has funding of £5.036m for investment within Outdoor Community Spaces over the 10 years. This presents a tremendous asset for communities, however also brings a maintenance burden, for which no additional revenue resources are being provided. As part of the original investment within the 2018/19 Capital Investment Plan, it was simultaneously agreed by Council to review the distribution of play equipment provision across play parks in the Borders, which can 1) inform decision making around future investment in communities and 2) guide the rationalisation of obsolete play facilities which are deemed no longer fit for purpose, ensuring a cost neutral impact on established budgets with the service.

- 1.2 The programme of investment in play facilities aims to improve community wellbeing and enhance activity levels for all ages with a beneficial impact on the health of the population. The programme of proposed projects across the Scottish Borders and an indicative timescale for delivery is provided at 3.2 for the period of 2018/19 to 2022/23. The programme proposes a range of provision including Children's Playparks, Pump bike/Skate tracks and Fitness/Youth Shelter provision as well as the rationalisation of obsolete equipment, where this is no longer fit for purpose.
- 1.3 In conjunction with the strategic investment across the region, Members previously agreed to;

- Changes to the scheme of delegation to give authority to the Service Director Assets and Infrastructure to “*after consultation with local Members, the Chief Financial Officer and the Chief Legal Officer, declare play parks obsolete or those surplus to community requirements and arrange for the removal of equipment and disposal, if appropriate.*”
 - Create a reference group which would include the remit to “*make recommendations to the Service Director Assets & Infrastructure or the Executive Committee (as appropriate) on which obsolete play areas should be removed, particularly in areas where there has been significant investment.*”
- 1.4 In this context, officers have undertaken an appraisal of the wider network of play equipment aimed at responding to the issue of low play value, which SBC has within its play facilities assets. The evaluation has been undertaken to ensure that SBC retains and develops a network of valued, well equipped spaces for local communities. In the Scottish Borders currently the quantity of play provision is high per head of population, but the quality is very low (compared to national benchmarking) – this diminishes the wider benefits of these facilities to communities. This programme of investment will address the challenge of balancing quantity against quality, ensuring optimal provision of play facilities across the network.
- 1.5 Areas of low value play facilities where there is a recognised need (i.e. the only play park in the locality) will be identified as priorities for potential future investment (subject to a future paper).
- 1.6 As no additional revenue resources are being provided to support the long term management and maintenance of the new play parks being created, the removal of obsolete facilities is essential to ensure there is a cost neutral impact on established budgets with the service. No play facility will be decommissioned until the appropriate investment in new facilities in that locality have been completed.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 Officers request that the Area Partnership acknowledge the proposals contained in the report and;

- (a) **Officers request feedback on any specific aspects the Area Partnership wishes to be considered prior to the implementation of the report as outlined, and;**
- (b) **Notes that no play part will be decommissioned until the investment in the new play parks has been completed.**

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Scottish Borders currently has 243 play parks, including those located within schools, ranging from smaller local areas for play (LAPs) to strategic destination play parks. Benchmarking informs us that the quantity of provision per head of population is significantly higher than the national average; however, the average play value of the facilities (i.e. quality of provision) is significantly lower than the national average. The trend over the past decade has seen play value slowly improving on the back of the incremental investment that has taken place.
- 3.2 In recent years a more significant level of investment in play across the Scottish Borders has been delivered through the Council's capital programme supplemented by a range of different opportunities that have been realised by community led initiatives including funding from developer contributions, Scottish Government or Heritage Lottery Fund grants. (See Appendix B) These include, most recently, facilities in Wilton Lodge Park, Hawick and in the Public Park, Galashiels where the new facilities are providing significant benefits to these communities. The strategy is to now provide further additional high quality facilities in a range of other locations across the region thereby encouraging play, greater physical activity and outdoor access for children, young people and adults with attendant benefits in terms of general health and wellbeing for people of all ages. The programme of investment in play reinforces or establishes destination play parks that serve both the wider community and visitors to the area. The programme, outlined below in Table 1 (see Appendix A for narrative), sets the context for refining and rationalising the wider network with Eildon sites highlighted in bold italics:

Planned Programme of Works	2018 /19 £'000	2019/20 £'000	2020 /21 £'000	2021 /22 £'000	2022 /23 £'000	Total
Children's Play						
<i>Galashiels - Public Park*</i>	292	0	0	0	0	292
<i>Oxton*</i>	60	0	0	0	0	60
<i>Stow*</i>	30	0	0	0	0	30
Kelso - Shdden Park	248	0	0	0	0	248
Jedburgh – Harestanes	315	0	0	0	0	315
Coldstream - Home Park*	0	250	0	0	0	250
Peebles Play park	0	225	0	0	0	225
<i>Earlston Play park</i>	0	0	225	0	0	225
Duns - Public Park	0	0	135	0	0	135
Eyemouth - The Bantry	0	0	180	0	0	180
Jedburgh - Canongate	0	0	0	135	0	135
Pump Tracks/Skate Boarding						
Hawick - Wilton Lodge Pump Track	19	0	300	0	0	319
Peebles Skate Park	0	270	0	0	0	270
Jedburgh Skate Park	0	0	0	270	0	270
<i>Galashiels Public Park</i>	0	0	0	0	270	270

Fitness/Youth Shelter Provision						
Jedburgh - Harestanes	27	0	0	0	0	27
Hawick - Wilton Lodge Park	0	27	0	0	0	27
GalaShiels - Scott Park	0	0	27	0	0	27
Peebles – Hay Lodge Park	0	0	0	27	0	27
Duns - Public Park	0	0	0	27	0	27
Kelso	0	0	0	0	27	27
Other required Works						
Gavinton Drainage	43	0	0	0	0	43
Eyemouth*	11	0	0	0	0	11
Clovenfords (landscape)*	1	0	0	0	0	1
Play Facilities & surfacing review	0	75	75	75	24	253
General upkeep	0	100	105	106	107	418
Upkeep of School play facilities	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unallocated	0	0	0	0	400	400
Total of programmed works	1,046	947	1,047	640	828	4,508

- 3.3 Alongside these strategic sites, the Council is committed to reviewing the wider network to ensure that local play provision continues to best serve communities. The initial appraisal identified that the Scottish Borders has a relatively large proportion of play parks of 'Low Value'. At the same time the region has relatively large number of play parks per 1000 children according to benchmarking data – almost 3 times the national average. In summary, the breakdown is as follows;

Play Value	No. of Play Areas	
High	32	16%
Medium	89	46%
Low	73	38%
TOTAL	194	

(n.b. this does not include the 49 play parks within the school estate)

Benchmarking data: Number of play areas per 1000 children		
	SBC	National Average
2015/16	10.72	3.69

The investment programme seeks to redress the balance between quantity and quality, through rationalising the estate and targeting resources to those areas of higher impact.

4 REVIEW OF PLAY PARKS

- 4.1 A review of the whole network of play parks has considered the following criteria;
1. **Play Value (a standard assessment based on Fields in Trust criteria)**
 2. **In-house inspection**
 3. **Proximity to other similar or better facilities**

4. Tenure

4.2 Play Value

Sites of low and medium value, based on the Fields in Trust national criteria for play park assessment, have been identified. This takes into account, the site features for each park, quality and range of equipment, challenge and social aspects associated with use of the equipment.

4.3 Inspection

Alongside the Fields in Trust play value assessment, specialist officers have assessed the quality and condition of each play area, range of equipment, and level of use.

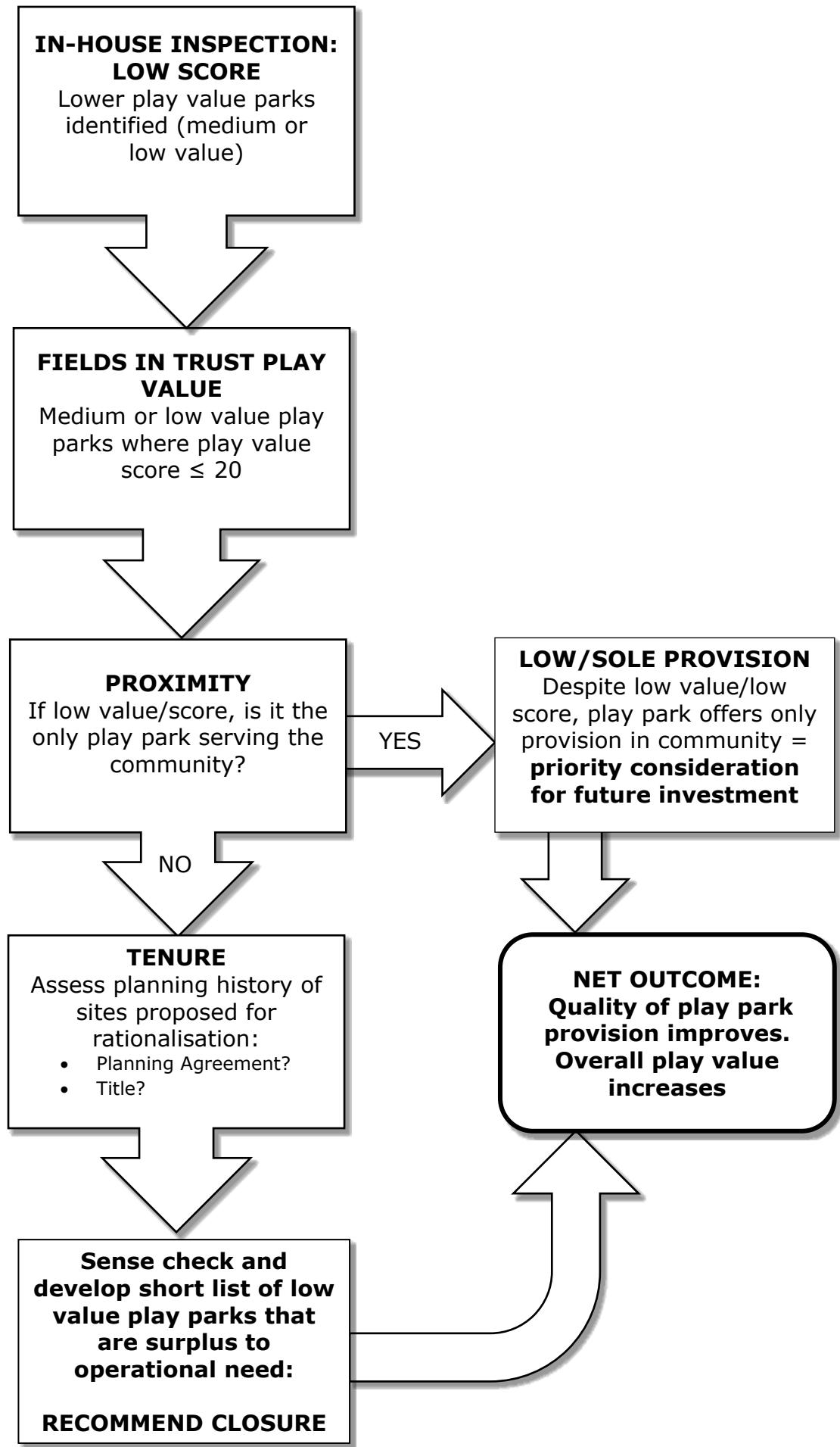
4.4 Proximity to other similar or better facilities

The location and distribution of play equipment has been appraised, taking into account the communities served – smaller communities or neighbourhoods where provision is dependent on one facility rely on continued provision of the same or equivalent play space. Neighbourhoods where provision comprises several low value play parks are not reliant on the continued provision in one site only, provided the overall provision in the neighbourhood is taken into account. Based on the above assessment of quality and distribution, the level of need for each individual play park can be appraised. Where quality is low, but form the only play park in the locality, these sites can be considered for longer term investment. Where quality is low and other, better, facilities are in close proximity, facilities can be considered as potentially surplus to requirement.

4.5 Tenure

Provision of some play facilities within the network has been integral to development contributions through the planning system. The terms upon which provision has been made require review and consideration as to how to progress in relation to these play areas will be required, perhaps in discussion with Regulatory Services.

4.6 The assessment process is outlined in the chart below;



4.7 Outcome

Based on the above 4 stages of assessment, numerous play parks have been identified as surplus to operational need. These are play parks of low value/need in an area where other provision is available which either demonstrates better quality provision or scope for improvement. Through the recommendations outlined in this report, resources can be focussed on areas of most benefit/need.

- 4.8 As a result of this assessment, the 74 play parks listed in the following table have been identified as meeting the criteria for being decommissioned, of which eight are in Eildon;

REF NO.	LOCALITY	PLAY PARK	PLAY VALUE	FIT SCORE	ALTERNATIVE LOCATION NEARBY
108	EILD	Darnick Lady's Walk	M	17	Darnick The Nursery
185	EILD	Earlston Acorn Drive	M	19	Earlston High School
164	EILD	Earlston Everest Road	L	16	Earlston High School
162	EILD	Earlston Gun Road	L	9	Earlston High School
163	EILD	Earlston Summerfield	L	13	Earlston High School
180	EILD	Fountainhall Stillhaugh	L	17	Fountainhall Recreation Field
129	EILD	Galashiels Balnakiel Terrace	L	9	Galashiels Pringle Lane
122	EILD	Galashiels Broom Drive	L	7	Galashiels Primrose Bank
135	EILD	Galashiels Croft Street	L	16	Galashiels Public Park
116	EILD	Galashiels Kingsknowes	M	18	Galashiels Public Park
131	EILD	Galashiels Lee Brae	L	17	Galashiels Public Park
193	EILD	Galashiels Netherbank	M	18	Galashiels Public Park
117	EILD	Galashiels Roger Quin Gardens	L	19	Galashiels Public Park
176	EILD	Galashiels Rosebank Place	L	13.5	Galashiels Scott Park
120	EILD	Galashiels Syke's Acre	L	15	Galashiels Primrose Bank
119	EILD	Galashiels Waverley Place	L	15	Galashiels Primrose Bank
128	EILD	Galashiels Woodlea	L	16	Galashiels Woodside
110	EILD	Gattonside Upper	L	17	Gattonside Lower
161	EILD	Lauder Millburn Park	M	16	Lauder Woodcote Park
103	EILD	Melrose Eildon View	L	11	Melrose Eildon Crescent
102	EILD	Melrose Fairways	L	19	Melrose Eildon Crescent
105	EILD	Melrose Priors Walk	M	17	Melrose Gibson Park
170	EILD	Newstead Dean Park	L	13	Newstead The Orchard
169	EILD	Newstead Rushbank	L	15	Newstead the Orchard

167	EILD	Newtown St Boswells KGV	L	18	Newtown St Boswells Sprouston Road
166	EILD	Newtown St Boswells Whitefield	L	8	Newtown St Boswells Sprouston Road
89	EILD	Selkirk Bannerfield A	L	14	Selkirk Bannerfield B
96	EILD	Selkirk Fairfield Crescent	L	11	Selkirk Pringle Park
91	EILD	Selkirk Heatherlie Park	L	15.5	Selkirk Victoria Park
94	EILD	Selkirk Rosebank Quarry	L	13	Selkirk Bog Park

As summarised above, these sites have been identified as being suitable for decommissioning, based on the condition/value and alternative provision nearby. All are within the catchment area of an area of strategic investment.

- 4.9 The assessment has identified sites that are classed as low value, yet as the only play park in the community they offer an important facility. This forms a basis for the future longer term programme of investment, which will be the subject of future reporting.

5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The 2019/20 Capital Investment Plan has funding of £5.036m for investment within Outdoor Community Spaces over the 10 years.
- 5.2 The investment in new facilities is estimated to create an additional pressure on resources to maintain the new facilities of approximately 12k per year. The risk assessment for these facilities will result in a requirement for the service to increase the frequency of inspections and experience also tells us that the amount of repairs will be greater as a result of the increased use, wear and tear of shackles and swing seats etc. As no additional revenue resources are being provided to support the long term management and maintenance of the new play parks being created, the removal of obsolete facilities is essential to ensure there is a cost neutral impact on established budgets with the service.
- 5.3 Within the 2019/20 Revenue Financial Plan a revenue pressure has been identified from 2020/21 to instate a replacement fund for Outdoor Community Spaces, to ensure their future provision.

6 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Risk and Mitigations

There is a reputational risk to the Council from the rationalisation of facilities. Communities may be initially concerned that provision is being reduced, however this will be mitigated by any communications or engagement drawing attention to the net gain afforded in play facilities for all through the programme of investment.

6.2 Equalities

It is anticipated that there are no adverse impact due to race, disability, gender, age, sexual orientation or religion/belief arising from the proposals in this report.

6.3 Acting Sustainably

There are no direct economic, social or environmental issues with this report although there may be within individual projects and these will be identified and addressed as appropriate as part of their specific governance arrangements.

6.4 Carbon Management

There are no direct carbon emissions impacts as a result of this monitoring report; however, there may be within individual projects and these will be identified and addressed as appropriate as part of their specific governance arrangements.

6.5 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.

6.6 Changes to Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation

None.

7 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The Chief Financial Officer, the Monitoring Officer, the Chief Legal Officer, the Chief Officer Audit and Risk, the Service Director HR, Communications and the Clerk to the Council have been consulted and any comments received have been incorporated into the final report.
- 7.2 In addition to the above, the overarching report was approved by the Corporate Management Team and the Members Reference Group, who requested Area Partnership consultation.

Approved by

Martin Joyce

Service Director Assets & Infrastructure Signature

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Background Papers: Capital Programme 2018/19 – Investment in Play Areas and outdoor Community Spaces, Report by Service Director Assets & Infrastructure, 31 May 2018

Previous Minute Reference: Scottish Borders Council, 31 May 2018 – Item 7.0

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APPENDIX A – CONTEXT: SUMMARY OF RECENT INVESTMENT

LOCATION	SUMMARY
Pringle Park, Selkirk	Selkirk's Pringle Park (2013) and Bannerfield Park (2014) have both undergone significant improvements led by community groups who fundraised for capital costs. Scottish Borders Council provides ongoing support via operational inspections and minor repairs.
Tweedbank Park	In 2008 Tweedbank Loch and Park was developed as a destination play area at the Loch, complete with Multi Use Games Area (MUGA), on the back of significant funding secured by Developer Contributions.
Canongate, Jedburgh	The Canongate play area in Jedburgh, received a £145k investment in 2010 as part of a successful bid to the Scottish Government's Town Centre Regeneration Fund.
Woodcote Park, Lauder	As part of the relocation of community services, Woodcote Park in Lauder received a significant Council investment in 2012 to create a new relocated play area and associated sporting facilities at the park.
Wilton Lodge Park, Hawick	The Heritage Lottery Funded (HLF) Parks For People Project at Wilton Lodge Park, Hawick, saw the conclusion in 2017 of a £350k project to create a destination play area complete with associated infrastructure at the park.
Shedden Park skate park, Kelso	The recently-completed removal of an existing Skate Park and creation of a state of the art small wheels facility at Shedden Park, Kelso (£400k) has been led by the community.
Public Park, Galashiels	A £292k investment has overhauled the play park provision at Public Park, Galashiels, developing a destination Play Park serving the town and surrounding villages
Harestanes Country Park, Jedburgh	The first project of the current programme has been completed and opened on Sunday 28 th April. This destination playpark contains a significant amount of play opportunities for less able children and users and extends the Councils facilities in terms of offering play opportunities for all, £342k
Home Park, Coldstream	Installation of new facilities underway, completion estimated June/July 2019
Shedden Park, Kelso	Installation estimated to begin in June/July, with completion in Aug/Sep

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SMALL SCHEME PROJECTS

Note by Service Director Assets & Infrastructure

EILDON AREA PARTNERSHIP

27 June 2019

1 PURPOSE

This note seeks approval from Members for delegated powers for future applications for Small Scheme projects.

2 BACKGROUND

Elected Members, Community Councils and the public can request potential Small Scheme projects by contacting the Eildon Area Manager direct.

3 PROPOSED FUTURE APPROVAL PROCESS

To ensure applications for Small Scheme projects are dealt with timeously - it is recommended that Members agree to delegate authority to the Service Director Assets & Infrastructure to approve future applications in 2019/20, subject to the following:

- (a) Application(s) for projects to be carried out from the Small Scheme budget are received, assessed and costed by Council Officers;
- (b) Officers will then send details of the project(s) to Elected Members along with a recommendation for their consideration;
- (c) Elected Members will advise appropriate Council Officers of their support or otherwise for a particular project – support will be required from a majority of Elected Members for a project to proceed;
- (d) Should support by the majority of Members not be given for a project, this application will be refused; and
- (e) Details of projects funded from the Small Scheme budget will be presented to the Eildon Area Partnership as part of any future updates on Grants and Funding.

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MINUTE of Meeting of the EILDON AREA PARTNERSHIP held at the Scottish Borders Campus, Galashiels on Thursday, 7 March 2019 at 6.00 pm

Present:- Councillors G. Edgar (Chairman), S. Aitchison, A. Anderson, K. Drum, E. Jardine and C. Penman, 22 Partner representatives, Community Councillors, officers and members of the public.

Apologies:- Councillors D. Parker and H. Scott, Community Councillor R. Kenney.

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chairman, Councillor Edgar, welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Eildon Area Partnership and thanked Community Councillors, Partners and local organisations for their attendance. Councillor Edgar explained that the focus of the meeting was the preparation of a Locality Plan for the Eildon area which would be structured around all the priority issues identified under the four themes at previous meetings, namely: Economy, Skills and Learning; Health, Care and Wellbeing; Safer Communities; and Environment and Place.

2. FEEDBACK FROM MEETING ON 24 JANUARY 2019

The Minute of the meeting of the Eildon Area Partnership held on 24 January 2019 had been circulated. A summary of the discussion on the theme 'our health, care and wellbeing' was attached as an appendix to the Minute. The Locality Development Co-ordinator, Gillian Jardine, summarised the feedback which highlighted priority issues.

3. DRAFT EILDON LOCALITY PLAN

The Communities & Partnership Manager, Shona Smith, explained that the Draft Locality Plan which had been circulated with the agenda took into account all the comments and feedback from discussions that had taken place at the previous four themed meetings of the Area Partnership. The priorities and key priorities about what was important and what would make a difference to the lives of people in the Eildon area, within each theme, had been identified and listed in the draft plan. Those present were now asked to review the draft and assess whether the plan had missed any significant areas of discussion and to consider if they agreed with the priorities and key priorities that had been identified. It was explained that there would be a 20 minute discussion on each of the four themes within the draft plan with a facilitator responsible for that theme moving between each of the four tables to record the input. For each theme the questions were asked 'What would success look like; how can we work in partnership to achieve this; and how do I get involved'? Feedback from the discussions on the draft would be used to inform development of the Eildon Locality Plan. It was noted that Local Community Action Plans

and Learning Community Partnership Plans would also form part of the Locality Plan. A summary of the output of the discussions is attached as an appendix to this minute.

4. LOCALITIES BID FUND UPDATE

Ms Jardine gave an update on the Localities Bid Fund (LBF). She explained that there had been a good response to the invitation for bids as part of the second round of the LBF, the deadline for which had just passed. Officers were now contacting groups who had applied and the Assessment Panel would meet to consider the bids which, providing they met the essential criteria, would go forward to a public vote. The timescales for the vote would be confirmed soon. In response to a question about the voting process Ms Jardine advised that there would be a voting day and that voting would also be possible on-line, subject to registration to vote. She confirmed that a paper or postal vote would be made available for anyone unable to vote by these means. The Executive Member for Neighbourhoods and Locality Services, Councillor Aitchison, added that all successful projects would be publicised and there would also be feedback from the groups who were successful from Round 1 of the pilot. Councillor Aitchison expressed his thanks to the Communities and Partnerships team for their excellent work in dealing with the administration of the LBF.

5. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Eildon Area Partnership was scheduled for Thursday 23 May 2019. The venue would be confirmed in due course.

The meeting concluded at 8.20 pm

Draft Locality Plan – Health, Care & Wellbeing		
Priority	Success What would success look like? (Measures)	Partnership How can we work in partnership together?
Increase the range and accessibility of community activities to encourage a reduction in drug and alcohol use in the Eildon locality	Family events- reduction in alcohol sales? Cheap alcohol? Work in partnership to reduce drug 'houses' 6 year students come back and share experiences. Peer support/ Stronger role models. Use college pupils/ assistant principles Reduce impact of negative social media Ettrick have a facebook page- Does anybody need anything?	Bring different groups into schools and youth groups to describe the impact of drugs. Different types of engagement with resources provided.
Increase the range of care and support options across the locality to enable people to remain in their own homes and communities	50 People attending Focus centre. Join up the activities that are happening. Spread the load- develop community champions Talk to your neighbours	Provide places for people to go. Share activities with each other. More drop in Volunteering not formal volunteering Care support should be more focussed mapping out what's available. Housing benefit, council tax letters are not human- ask people how they would like to be written too Mobile Library service- it's a lifeline for some people. Live Borders charging policy is closing down some community groups/organisations.
Increase the availability of locally based rehabilitation services	Outreach service needs to be extended. Simplify information as people get confused by the information. Plain English.	
Improve the availability and accessibility of services for people living in rural areas		Lots going on, but people don't know about those services Running village Hall and a programme of activities. Looking after neighbours, keeping villages tidy. Small groups of people being used to do everything
Increase the range of housing options available across the locality and plan for future housing needs		Work in partnership to ensure that a range of people are provided for.

Reduce the number of people admitted to hospital with drug and alcohol related problems		
Reduce the number of people attending the Borders General Hospital on multiple occasions		Use pharmacies more often Specialist/ mobile outreach service on a bus? Drop in surgeries
Support people to make informed health and lifestyle choices		Increase sport + healthy activities Park run in other towns in the Borders Encouraging food growing projects and good for environments, bees Food and cooking Projects

Draft Locality Plan – Quality of life		
Priority	Success What would success look like? (Measures)	Partnership How can we work in partnership together?
Create safe areas for young people within local communities and provide leisure facilities that are accessible and affordable	<p>Ensure all needs are supported Facilities need to be where the need is- not just town centres Need to allow young people to explore their own spaces Facilities are there but aren't accessible Transport for free facilities -it is too expensive Must ask young people what they want</p> <p>Places where young people feel in control – social activities, free through schools encourage socialisation More participation/ engagement Multi use facilities that can be used by all age groups Somewhere 'cool' Give and reward responsibility</p> <p>More places to go More opportunities Street games Facilities for older people to go and access activities/ services</p> <p>Identify areas within smaller communities that young people can take up as their own. Need more volunteers to deliver facilities. Support village halls, make pricing realistic •</p>	Community NHS 3 rd Sector Schools- facilities for older and younger pupils (responsible) Live Borders CLD CAT Communities SBC
Revise transport provision to improve connectivity and reduce rural isolation	<p>Better use of advertising of 'Happy Bus' Better funded supported Community Transport</p> <p>Circular route of community vehicles Linked infrastructure to tourists</p> <p>Alternative solutions to transport High costs of community transport Need public transport for rural communities</p>	3 rd Sector Community
Strengthen partnership working between local services	Not measurable Community Councils need to work better together Better attendance at Area partnership meetings	SBC CC's Communities

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Improve communication of social and leisure opportunities to local residents	<p>Improved use of existing things- Facebook/Newsletters Connect existing mechanisms Ask young people what they want and work with them to do it Technology needs to meet needs of all people</p> <p>Community noticeboards (central) Community Newsletter</p> <p>Local radio Local advertisements</p>	<p>Community All Existing Providers Youth Borders Borders College Schools- regular announcements</p>
Carry out more community mapping and consultations to identify what people want in their area	<p>Need to identify how people want to be engaged with Easier to get engagement in smaller communities</p> <p>Work with Community Councils and communities to undertake consultations. Provide tool kit of information to help community councils undertake them.</p>	All
<i>Safe areas for older people + leisure facilities</i>		

Draft Locality Plan – Environment & Place		
Priority	Success What would success look like? (Measures)	Partnership How can we work in partnership together?
Create appropriately placed, affordable & socially inclusive housing in the countryside. Develop attractions within the countryside to encourage visitors to the area	<p>Planning Development to show more flexibility especially in rural areas, to accommodate need.</p> <p>Improve quality and appearance of housing being developed so there is no obvious distinction between private and social housing</p> <p>Create housing communities which are a mixture of private and affordable for different ages to create an improved sense of community</p>	<p>Active Discussion between communities and planners needs to be created</p> <p>Better understanding of how planning application process work and how decisions are made.</p>
Housing stock should reflect need in the local community, be affordable and be accessible for local services	<p>Integrate communities into the planning process to share views, information, ideas etc</p> <p>Measure levels of homelessness and migration out of the Borders</p> <p>Impact on the wider community when houses are developed needs to be factored into planning process (ie strain on health centres, schools, what public transport and shops are available etc</p> <p>Housing development should form communities which are mixed ie young, old, care homes etc and actively aim to reduce isolation and support people's wellbeing</p> <p>Allow for demographic changes</p> <p>Ministers could provide grants to purchase vacant sites</p>	
Reduce fuel poverty across the Locality All housing developments to incorporate eco infrastructures into builds	<p>Selkirk energy hub - can help inform and advise the community</p> <p>Ongoing measures to assess impact</p> <p>Do more to improve energy efficiency in private homes</p> <p>Flood protection groups works well in Hawick- replicate elsewhere</p> <p>Reduction of plastics etc to make us more environmentally friendly</p>	
Development of town / village centres and housing must consider the environment and health and wellbeing of local residents	<p>Outdoor Gym equipment etc</p> <p>Increase cycle networks and initiatives</p>	

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