

## Meeting

**Date:** Wednesday, 12 June 2019

**Time:** 7.00 p.m.

**Location:** The Assembly Hall, Peebles High School, Springwood Road, Peebles

## AGENDA

**Doors open at 6.30 p.m. for tea and coffee – meetings commences at 7.00 p.m.**

1.	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>
2.	<b>Inspire Learning</b>  An opportunity to see what it will look like and understand how it will benefit all teachers and pupils across the Scottish Borders. (20 mins)
3.	<b>Public Play Facilities Strategy - Tweeddale</b> (Pages 3 - 12)  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 attached.) (20 mins)
4.	<b>Feedback from Meeting on 27 March 2019</b> (Pages 13 - 16)  Copy Minute from meeting on 27 March 2019. (Copy attached.)
5.	<b>Rural Transport: Area Partnership Priorities</b>  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).(20 mins)
6.	<b>Off Street Parking in Peebles</b>  Consider formation of sub-group.
7.	<b>Nominations for SBC Elected Member for the Community Council Scheme Review Working Group</b>
8.	<b>Tweeddale Community Fund 2019-20 Applications</b> (Pages 17 - 18)  Tweedlove Trails. (Copy attached.)
9.	<b>Tweeddale Small Scheme Projects</b> (Pages 19 - 20)  Consider Note by Service Director Assets and Infrastructure. (Copy attached.)
10.	<b>Open Forum</b>

	Opportunity to raise local matters.
11.	<b>Other Business</b>
12.	<b>Dates of Future Meetings</b>  The scheduled meeting dates for 2019/20 are:-  Wednesday, 28 August 2019 Wednesday, 6 November 2019 Wednesday, 22 January 2020 Wednesday, 25 March 2020 Wednesday, 17 June 2020

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## **PUBLIC PLAY FACILITIES STRATEGY - TWEEDDALE**

**Report by Service Director Assets & Infrastructure**

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### **TWEEDDALE AREA PARTNERSHIP**

**12 June 2019**

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#### **1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report sets out guidance and recommendations for the Tweeddale 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 Tweeddale sites highlighted in bold italics:

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

Jedburgh Skate Park	0	0	0	270	0	270
Galashiels Public Park	0	0	0	0	270	270
<b>Fitness/Youth Shelter Provision</b>						
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
<b>Peebles – Hay Lodge Park</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>27</b>
Duns - Public Park	0	0	0	27	0	27
Kelso	0	0	0	0	27	27
<b>Other required Works</b>						
Gavinton Drainage	43	0	0	0	0	43
Eyemouth*	11	0	0	0	0	11
<b>Clovenfords (landscape)*</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
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
<b>Total of programmed works</b>	<b>1,046</b>	<b>947</b>	<b>1,047</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>828</b>	<b>4,508</b>

- 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;

<b>Play Value</b>	<b>No. of Play Areas</b>	
High	32	16%
Medium	89	46%
Low	73	38%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>194</b>	
(n.b. this does not include the 49 play parks within the school estate)		

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

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.

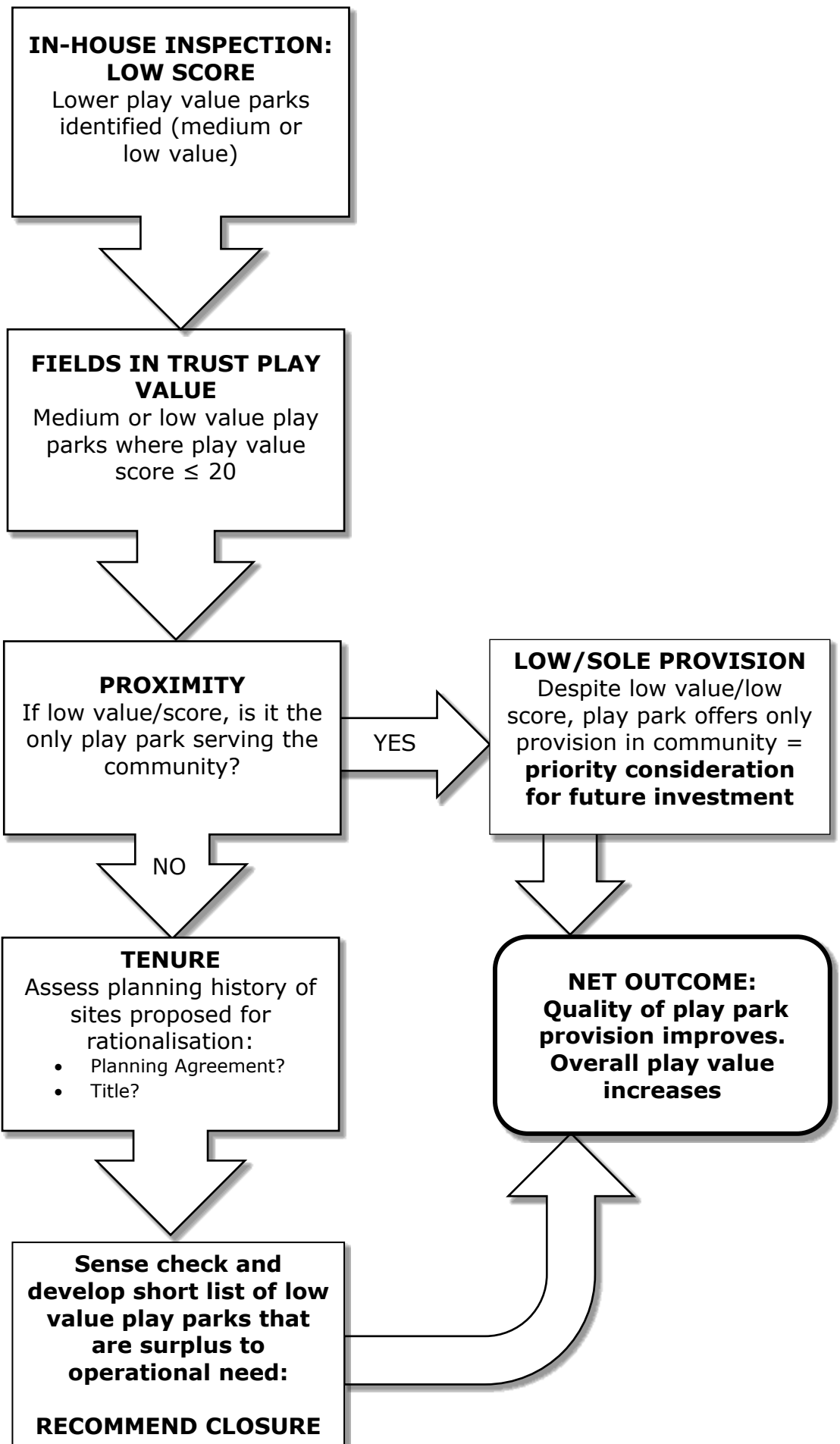
### **4.4 Proximity to other similar or better facilities**

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 Tweeddale;

REF NO.	LOCALITY	PLAY PARK	PLAY VALUE	FIT SCORE	ALTERNATIVE LOCATION NEARBY
199	TWEE	Clovenfords Caddonhaugh	L	14	Clovenfords Meigle Row
142	TWEE	Eddleston Elibank Road	L	12.5	Eddleston Bellfield Road
138	TWEE	Innerleithen Caddon Court	L	19	Innerleithen St Ronans Primary
139	TWEE	Innerleithen Memorial Hall	L	13.5	Innerleithen Victoria Park
186	TWEE	Peebles Crossburn Farm Road	L	17	Peebles Halyrude Nursery
144	TWEE	Peebles Eliots Park	L	9.5	Peebles Halyrude Nursery
148	TWEE	Peebles Glen Crescent Seniors	L	18	Peebles Ninians Haugh
151	TWEE	Peebles Hay Lodge Park (Small)	L	16	Peebles Hay Lodge Park
143	TWEE	Peebles Kingsland Square	L	17	Peebles Halyrude Nursery
146	TWEE	Peebles Kingsway	L	8	Peebles Ninians Haugh
147	TWEE	Peebles Provost Melrose Place	L	9.5	Peebles Glen Crescent Junior

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
<b>Pringle Park, Selkirk</b>	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.
<b>Tweedbank Park</b>	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.
<b>Canongate, Jedburgh</b>	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.
<b>Woodcote Park, Lauder</b>	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.
<b>Wilton Lodge Park, Hawick</b>	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.
<b>Shedden Park skate park, Kelso</b>	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.
<b>Public Park, Galashiels</b>	A £292k investment has overhauled the play park provision at Public Park, Galashiels, developing a destination Play Park serving the town and surrounding villages
<b>Harestanes Country Park, Jedburgh</b>	The first project of the current programme has been completed and opened on Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> 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
<b>Home Park, Coldstream</b>	Installation of new facilities underway, completion estimated June/July 2019
<b>Shedden Park, Kelso</b>	Installation estimated to begin in June/July, with completion in Aug/Sep

## **SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL TWEEDDALE AREA PARTNERSHIP**

MINUTES of Meeting of the TWEEDDALE  
AREA PARTNERSHIP held in West Linton  
Primary School on Wednesday, 27 March  
2019 at 7.00 p.m.

Present:- Councillors R. Tatler (Chairman), H. Anderson, S. Bell, K. Chapman, E. Small, together with 20 representatives from Partner Organisations, Community Councils and members of the public.

Apologies:- Councillor S. Haslam.

In Attendance:- Communities and Partnership Manager, Strategic Community Engagement Officer, Locality Development Co-ordinator (G. Jardine), Democratic Services Team Leader.

### **1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Tweeddale Area Partnership and explained the purpose of the meeting.

### **2. FEEDBACK FROM MEETING ON 6 FEBRUARY 2019**

The Minute of the meeting of the Tweeddale Area Partnership held on 6 February 2019 had been circulated along with a summary of the discussion attached as an appendix to the Minute and this was noted. With reference to paragraph 2, the Chairman confirmed that the small schemes and quality of life projects had been approved.

### **3. CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL IN PUBLIC PLACES**

- 3.1 The Chairman welcomed Mr. Brian Frater, Service Director Regulatory Services to the meeting. Mr. Frater explained that consideration had been given to the introduction of bye-laws prohibiting the consumption of alcohol in public places in certain communities back in 2013. It was considered that the responses to the consultation at that time, of which there had been very few, were no longer relevant so it would not be appropriate to proceed to implement the draft bye-laws and a new consultation process was to be undertaken. The consultation document was going live on the Council's website that evening and he encouraged everyone to take part. It was important that a wide range of groups and communities gave their views so that the responses were representative of the views of everyone across the Borders. He asked communities to consider whether there was a problem in their area which could be helped by bye-laws and emphasised that they were not designed to impact on local festivals or "café culture" but to help prevent anti-social behaviour. The first part of the consultation would close on 1 June and if there was a desire for bye-laws then a second consultation would be held to ascertain exactly where they should be implemented. He noted that under the previous proposal there had been no Tweeddale Communities included. A final report would be taken to Scottish Borders Council in November.

- 3.2 Dr Tim Patterson, Joint Director of Public Health was also in attendance at the meeting and highlighted that both the Police and NHS strongly supported the introduction of bye-laws. Scottish Borders was the only area without bye-laws and while they would not be the answer to alcohol abuse problems they were a useful tool to help reduce the normalisation of alcohol consumption in vulnerable communities.

4. **PLANS FOR WIDER PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT** The Chairman highlighted the difficulty in capturing the views of the wider Tweeddale Community. He offered the services of himself and his fellow Councillors to come along to Community Council meetings to explain the plans and gather feedback. Community Councils were asked to provide details of all groups in their areas so that contact could be made. The

development of a package for involving schools was also discussed. Shona Smith advised that the Council had acquired a new on-line debating tool (Consul) and it was proposed to use the Tweeddale Locality Plan as the pilot for this software.

## **5. TWEEDDALE LOCALITY PLAN – HEALTH, CARE AND WELLBEING**

5.1 The Chairman welcomed Tim Patterson, Robert McCulloch-Graham and Fiona Doig to the meeting. Tim Patterson advised that the Scottish Government had issued a new set of health priorities which included action to tackle drugs and alcohol abuse, obesity, mental health problems and the impact of adverse childhood experiences. Dr Patterson would be taking his annual report on public health to Council in May. Robert McCulloch-Graham outlined his role with the Integrated Joint Board. One of the biggest challenges was the expected 50% increase in over 65's and 100% increase in those 84 by 2036. This required a fundamentally different approach to healthcare as there was a big gap in current funding.

5.2 Shona Smith explained the documents which were on each table which included blank templates to identify the vision for the future of health, care and wellbeing in Tweeddale. Each table had a facilitator and a period of 30 minutes was given for discussion.

5.3 At the conclusion of the discussion each table fed back their key points which included:-

- The need for intergenerational provision with creative ways to keep people well within their communities and using the community spaces which were already there
- With regard to alcohol problems look at what other countries did differently and encourage licence holders to stock a better range of alcohol free products
- Isolation and what could be done to identify people and use assets in the local area
- Use more NHS funding for prevention and valuing caring as a career
- The use of new technology e.g. video consultations with Doctors
- More information on current groups – What Matters Hubs, Churches, golf clubs, Men's Sheds etc.

There then followed a general question and answer session with the officers present with the management and recruitment of carers being a major issue.

## **6. LOCALITY BID FUND UPDATE**

Shona Smith reported that the Assessment Panel had now met twice. There was a number of queries to be sent out to applicants and once these had been answered a definitive list of projects would be issued. The aim was to have voting at the end of May/early June.

## **7. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **7.1 Small Schemes**

It was agreed that the remaining money within the small schemes budget be spent on the replacement of a sign at Innerleithen which was located at an important entrance to the town.

### **7.2 Speed Watch**

Councillor Anderson highlighted the nationally supported Community Speed Watch Scheme and advised that 8-12 volunteers were needed to be trained to operate the camera. The equipment was quite expensive so it was suggested that Community Councils might wish to get together to share the equipment. It was agreed that Councillor Anderson would circulate the details to all Community Council Chairs.

## **8. OPEN FORUM**

8.1 Mr Parker from Tweedsmuir Community Council was pleased to report that Tweedsmuir had obtained £214k funding to provide fibre broadband for the Community.

- 8.2 Mr Lewin from Upper Tweed Community Council advised that he had written to the Chief Executive of Scottish Borders Council recommending that they develop a new rural transport policy. This could look at innovative solutions used elsewhere and the use of pilot schemes. Councillor Tatler advised that a transport seminar was currently being planned.
- 8.3 The Mental Health LAC reported on a “curry and chat” initiative that was working well in Eyemouth which they would like to try in Tweeddale.
9. **NEXT MEETING**  
The next meeting of the Tweeddale Area Partnership was scheduled for Wednesday, 12 June 2019. The venue would be confirmed in due course. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

***The meeting concluded at 8.55 p.m.***

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## 2019/2020 Community Fund: Interim Assessment Form

*Locality: Tweeddale*

*Ref. No.: CF2019/2020*

*Organisation Name: Tweedlove Trails*

*Funding Requested: £4,500 (10% match funding to be provided by Transcend Bike Festival)*

### ABOUT THE GROUP

Organisation Structure	Constituted		
Annual Accounts Balance	£9,620		
Are any funds ring-fenced, if so why & how much? No			
Has the applicant applied for SBC funding within the last three years?			
x Yes        No			
Fund	Financial Year	Amount (£)	What will it be used for?
Economic Development	2019/20	£10,000	Support for Transcend Bike Festival

### ABOUT THE PROJECT

Project Brief	A range of events and activities including a Pump Track and a Demo Fun Loop at the Transcend Bike Festival 2019 for younger people on a free or subsidised level.	
Project Start Date: 07/06/19		
Total Expenditure (£)	£5,000	
Community Fund Request (£)	£4,500	
10% Match-funding	The 10% match funding requirement (£500), will be provided by ticket sales from the Transcend Bike Festival	
Any Other Contribution?		
Other Funding Sources	Amount (£)	At what stage?
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Community Fund Outcomes	x Communities have more access to better quality local services or activities <input type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to a better quality environment <input type="checkbox"/> Communities have more pride in their community <input type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to better quality advice and information <input type="checkbox"/> More local groups or services are better supported to recover from financial difficulty
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ASSESSMENT	
What need/demand has been evidenced for this project/activity?	6,187 riders took part in the event in 2018 with 16,000 visitors to the area (a 5% increase from 2017). Of the 6,187 riders - 1,563 were children.
What benefits will be gained from the project/activity and how well does the project/activity meet the outcomes of the scheme?	Will enable more children to attend and take part in the Transcend Bike Festival and therefore promotes participation in cycling and the promotion of the Tweed Valley. Will have a positive impact on health & wellbeing of those taking part and promotes tourism for the Tweed Valley.
What support and involvement of the wider community is there for this project/activity?	The group have worked alongside Community Councils, local primary schools, local cycling and sports clubs and the Tweeddale Youth Group.
What efforts have been made by the applicant to secure other sources of funding for the project/activity?	The applicant has a range of sponsors who are providing funding to support the overall Transcend Bike Festival.
What happens at the end of the project/activity or when the funding is spent?	This is a one-off event, but there will be a positive legacy of health & wellbeing for those taking part, and a contribution to the growth in tourism for the Tweed Valley area.
Quotes received for items of expenditure	Yes
Have appropriate permissions been sought/granted?	Yes

SBC OFFICER RECOMMENDATION
Recommend to approve to the value of £4,500 <i>Additional Terms and Conditions:</i> The award would be made on evidence of event taking place and appropriate receipts etc. being provided.

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**SMALL SCHEME PROJECTS**

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**Note by Service Director Assets & Infrastructure**

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**TWEEDDALE AREA PARTNERSHIP****12 June 2019**

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**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 Tweeddale 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 Tweeddale Area Partnership as part of any future updates on Grants and Funding.

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