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Area Partnership

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Meeting

Date: Thursday, 14 November 2019
Time: 6.00 pm – 8.30 pm
Location: Borders College, Scottish Borders Campus, Nether Road,
Galashiels. TD1 3HE

AGENDA

1.	Welcome and Introductions
2.	Feedback from meeting on 12 September 2019 (Pages 3 - 12) Copy of minute attached.
3.	Eildon Locality Plan update (Pages 13 - 24) Copy of draft Locality Plan attached.
4.	Theme: Health, Care and Well-being - Social isolation and reducing loneliness Presentations by Locality Co-ordination Team and What Matters Hub followed by a facilitated discussion.
5.	Eildon Community Fund (Pages 25 - 38) Eildon applications Copies attached of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Documents outlining Eildon Community Fund 2019/20 - current position○ Application from Stable Life for consideration Fast track applications approved: Burgh Primary School Parent Council £1,500 Earlston Paths Group - £1,360.80
6.	Community Empowerment Act update - easy read pack
7.	Future Agenda Items Suggestions/Proposals
8.	Open Forum

	Questions for Elected Members
9.	Date of Next Meeting Thursday, 13 February 2020 – venue to be agreed.

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Eildon Area Partnership



MINUTE of Meeting of the EILDON AREA PARTNERSHIP held in Lauder Primary School on Thursday, 12 September 2019 at 6.00 pm

Present:- Councillors K. Drum, D. Parker and E. Thornton-Nicol, 27 Partner representatives, Community Councillors, officers and members of the public.

CHAIRMAN

In the absence of Councillor Edgar, who had sent his apologies, the meeting was chaired by Councillor Thornton-Nicol.

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Eildon Area Partnership and thanked Community Councillors, Partners and local organisations for their attendance. Councillor Thornton-Nicol also welcomed Neil Robertson from Changeworks who had brought along information on a Home Energy Scotland insulation scheme.

2. LOCALITY BID FUND 1

The Chairman introduced Susan Law, from Rowlands Youth Project, Selkirk, to give an update following the group's successful bids to the Locality Bid Fund. Ms Law explained that Rowlands had applied for funding for two separate projects: Food for Thought; and Swap Shop, which organised exchange of clothing, school uniform, ball gowns etc. Both projects had been successful in the voting process and had been awarded funding. Food for Thought had developed at the Rowlands Centre as a social enterprise involving young people producing and preparing meals for sale on Friday afternoons as a community initiative. After deduction of the cost of food, half of the profit went back to Rowlands and the other half to the young people involved. In addition to this monetary incentive and the experience provided, the project gave the young people access to training with the opportunity to obtain qualifications. Individual achievements from the first group of young people included a college place, employment and award of Hygiene Certificates. A second group of young people had now been brought into the project. Ms Law went on to give her views about the Locality Bid Fund application and voting process and ideas about how this could be improved in the future. Members of the Area Partnership welcomed the news of this successful project. In a brief discussion following the presentation, it was suggested that the project should link in to the NHS Borders Healthy Living Network.

3. FEEDBACK FROM MEETING ON 27 JUNE 2019

The Minute of the meeting of the Eildon Area Partnership held on 27 June 2019 had been circulated. A summary of the discussion and review of the priorities identified in the draft Eildon Locality Plan was attached as an appendix to the Minute. One of the priorities identified by the Eildon Area Partnership was to improve the provision of transport in the area. The Chairman highlighted that at the last meeting in June the discussion began about transport provision and how this could be improved to help meet the needs of local communities. A range of comments were made, focusing on improvements to bus timetables and the number of services running; digital information on bus services being available for passengers; and looking at other companies who ran transport and whether these could be accessed by the public, i.e. post buses, Borders College and having e-

cars available in villages. These comments led on to the main theme for the evening which was transport networks and connections within Eildon, as outlined below.

4. EILDON LOCALITY PLAN

4.1 Transport networks and connections within Eildon

Scottish Borders Council Passenger Transport Manager, Timothy Stephenson, and Transport Services team leader, Gordon Grant, were in attendance to give a presentation on Transport Planning in the Scottish Borders. Copies of the Scottish Borders Bus Map and of the presentation had been circulated with the agenda and were available at the meeting. Mr Stephenson explained that the Council currently subsidised local bus services at £1.5m per annum. However local bus services were not a statutory requirement but were discretionary and like all local budgets the payments were always being reviewed. In 2018 there had been savings made of £200k based on data collection, alternatives being put in place and some innovative thinking. In 2019 there were £85k of savings already secured without further cuts but a £165k budget saving was needed for 2020. Some tough decisions therefore had to be made to achieve the savings. A number of under-performing bus routes had been identified where passenger numbers were declining and the subsidy per passenger was very high. However rather than just looking at service cuts the Council wanted to use 2019 to meet communities and see if things could be done differently. In August/September the team would be talking to Area Partnerships about transport and in September/October Bus Users Scotland would hold a big conversation (public consultation) with users. The Council would work closely with communities to form a transport plan. The local bus services being reviewed in the Eildon Area had a subsidy per passenger of up to £7.60 compared with an average of £3.65 per passenger across the Borders bus network as a whole. Mr Stephenson was keen to hear from communities who wanted to try new things: something that was an alternative to 'the traditional bus; something flexible, that could be controlled locally; and something that communities could commit to. He gave some examples of innovations in other areas and also referred to non-bus related options such as E-car, E-bike, Tripshare and community transport/social car schemes.

4.2 Following the presentation, the Chairman invited those present to take part in a round table discussion about transport planning in terms of potential options, solutions and actions within communities. The Locality Development Co-ordinator provided a template to aid the discussion and on which points could be recorded. A summary of the output of the discussion is attached as an appendix to this Minute.

5. EILDON COMMUNITY FUND

The Locality Development Co-ordinator referred to documents which had been circulated and which were available at the meeting giving an overview of the Interim Community Fund and internal and external funding sources in the Eildon area. She explained that there was a total 2019-20 budget allocation of £329,438 for the Eildon Community Fund. Within this fund, after committed allocations of: £10,525 for Community Councils; £28,400 to Local Festivals; £14,470 to village halls; and awards to date/applications to assess of £23,230; there was an available balance of £252,813 left in the fund for the 2019/20 financial year. Details of an application to the Eildon Community Fund from Lauderdale Scout Group had been circulated. The Scout Group had requested £10,000 towards the project to repair and improve the Lauderdale Scout Hall. To date the flat roofs had been repaired, new heating installed, the floors refurbished, indoor and outdoor lights upgraded and the walls painted. The funding was requested for the next part of the project which was to repair the pitched slate roof, at a total cost of £14,088 plus work to the timbers (costed at an hourly rate). A total of £3,500 had been secured from other funding sources and £1,000 provided as match-funding. It was explained that the scout hall was a place for community groups and the wider community to get together and socialise and was used seven days a week by the scouts and other local groups. The Scottish Borders Council officer recommendation was to approve the application as the request met the criteria of the Community Fund.

DECISION

AGREED to grant £10,000 from the Eildon Community Fund to Lauderdale Scout Group towards the project to repair the pitched slate roof of the Lauderdale Scout Hall.

6. GALASHIELS NETWORK

With reference to paragraph 10 of the Minute of 27 June 2019, Pauline Grigor, Community Worker with the third sector, gave an update about the development of a third sector Community Network in Galashiels. The concept was to pilot a project to link in with Galashiels Development Trust. An Open Day was planned into which community groups and funding groups could link. Ms Grigor asked for 2 Elected Member volunteers to represent the Area Partnership on the steering group. Councillors Drum and Thornton-Nicol were nominated and agreed to join the steering group.

DECISION

AGREED that Councillors Drum and Thornton-Nicol join the Galashiels Network Steering Group as representatives of the Eildon Area Partnership.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Chairman asked that suggestions for future agenda items for Eildon Area Partnership meetings to be forwarded to the Locality Development co-ordinator at gjardine@scotborders.gov.uk .

8. OPEN FORUM

There were no questions for Elected Members.

OTHER BUSINESS

Presentation

Norrie Tait, Community Learning & Development Team Leader, brought along trophies for presentation to Galashiels Academy pupil representatives John Carr and Doddie Turner in recognition of their contribution to the Area Partnership in the form of peer research and a presentation about Health and Wellbeing in the Galashiels area. John, who was moving on to a new career, had been unable to attend the meeting but Doddie's trophy was presented to him and this was accompanied by a round of applause for both young people.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and, before closing the meeting, advised that Eildon Area Partnership would next meet on Thursday, 14 November 2019.

The meeting concluded at 8.20 pm

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Eildon Locality Plan – Community Transport: Solutions and Actions

Suggestions made:

- Electric solar information panels at key locations
- Border Integrated Transport App
- Expand volunteer driver schemes + social car share schemes
- E-bikes scheme (Energy Trust)
- SBC e-car scheme
- Extended Rail Connections/Accessibility
- Maximise the use of Borders College /SBC /NHS/Post Office/Third Sector minibuses
- Remove need for travel – extended outreach, use of skype for appointments, telecare
- Demand Responsive Transport i.e. community taxi, uber type scheme

Locality suggested transport solutions	Would this work in your community?	Who would take this forward – we need key champions/organisations	What support would be needed (financial, time, resources etc), and what would this look like?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Transport • E-Car • Redevised routes perhaps Circular routes • Trip Share App 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This would be a Great service for our community • Potentially this would work in our community • This would work well in our community particularly for connection to the railway • We would need to increase the visibility of need for this to work in our community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scottish Borders Council Third Sector Interface would take this forward • Needs external supplier negotiation/SBC • Scottish Borders Council Passenger Transport team would be need to take this forward • Third Sector Interface and Flow centre? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity of Community Transport need to be increased, greater promotion and awareness, increase driver numbers as this greatly constrains the service. • Redesigning the tender • Focus groups are needed for transport users to voice their opinions and suggestions. Connect with services which support the hardest to reach i.e. social prescribing clients, support groups, etc

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriately sized vehicles – Cost reduction in running this service? • Lease – Sub-let to community. (busses, Mini busses) - Bo'ness • Communication of what's available. (Mapping) - services to take responsibility • App Based Car Share • Social Care Car Scheme • D.R.T. • Cancer Bus / Red Cross Bus • Further use of E-Car – Sbc to investigate – would mobilise more people 	<p>Run more appropriately sized vehicles for the local area</p> <p>Has the potential. Could link Lauder to the train at Stow for example</p> <p>People don't know what range of services exist</p> <p>Yes, could help people access work, training, hospital appointments etc</p> <p>Works well in a lot of areas</p> <p>Yes</p>	<p>SBC needs to have better communication to let people know about schemes such as dial a rides etc</p> <p>SBC. Communities need to inform SBC what size of vehicle, number of vehicles etc are needed</p>	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tripshare • E-Bikes – Gorebridge Development Trust • Community taxi service – Volunteering • E-Cars in local locations • Facility to buy tickets in advance • Information about the car sharing groups available on the Scottish Borders Council website • Align bus and train services • Integrated ticketing (bus and rail) • Local Transport app – 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not working in Ettrick and Yarrow because of issues with insurance and volunteer drivers • Book seats online for allocated journeys – link your outlook calendar to see when and where a train or bus is going 	<p>SBC needs to expand this idea. Model on the Lindean example</p> <p>Bus operators</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scottish Borders Council insure volunteer drivers, allow them to take passengers and get paid mileage contribution
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Link E-car usage to calendar – car taken home with staff and available to public overnight • Additional Stations • Ask bigger operators to buy /sponsor online booking system 			
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Lack of community consultation – Speak to the community before implementing change
 Stow community car service – Links with Stow / Lauder health centre
 X95 – Galashiels to Edinburgh reducing service (Teviot and Fountainhall)
 Social impact CT. – flow 32,000
 Conference discussion

<p>CASE STUDIES – EXAMPLES FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY</p>	
<p>UBER type scheme</p>	<p>Taxi style approached, unlicensed but approved. Access via smart phone technology/apps. Drivers Screened – criminal checks Safety Features built-in, tracking customer reviews, driver profiles</p>

	Vehicle safety inspections
Bo'ness and Area Community Bus Association – reintroduction of bus links between Bo'ness and Edinburgh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruited 2 Full Time drivers and 1 Part time driver and 1 Volunteer driver • Recruited an Operations Consultant • Recruited an Administration Assistant • Delivered 10235 passenger journeys since February 2018 • Make 58 journeys a week to and from Edinburgh • Covered over 120,000 miles
Killin & District Volunteer Car Scheme	<p>Volunteer based scheme that aim to assist people in our district who have real problems in accessing transport or coping with the long journeys. The service is provided by volunteer drivers who use their cars to provide transport to people who struggle to access other forms of transport, due to a variety of reasons and where there is a need to access services that are essential and/or in the interest of their general wellbeing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Journeys are subsidised – 45p per mile for drivers and 20p per mile for a passenger • The driver's expenses cover fuel, maintenance and depreciation of their vehicle so that they are not out-of-pocket.
Badenoch & Strathspey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Transport model operating a set bus route, although providing door to door service • Operates 5 days per week, 9.30-4.30pm • Must be booked in advance •
NEED Ltd (Alnwick)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Largely self-financing model • Range of services – car scheme / dial-a-ride / family vehicle / group transport • Contracts for Council and NHS • Entrepreneurial
Chariotts (Wrexham)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Branded fleet of accessible vehicles • Paid co-ordinator but all volunteer drivers <p>In 2015 provided 12,645 trips, of which 6,642 were for wheelchair users</p>
Transport Access People (Cornwall)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer car scheme for non-emergency healthcare appointments • Journeys to and from the Hospitals in Truro and Plymouth • Door to door transport for people who find difficulty accessing transport

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Scottish Borders

Eildon Locality Plan

November 2019 Final *Draft*

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Introduction

Welcome to the Eildon Locality Plan. This plan builds on the Scottish Borders Community Plan and sets out:

- The priorities for improving the area over the next five years
- The actions that will be carried out
- The commitment to work in partnership and use our shared resourcesⁱ in the most effective way to reduce inequality

Resources – this could be:
ⁱ funding (e.g. budget or grants), people (e.g. staff of volunteers) or assets (e.g. land, buildings or equipment)

This plan will help those who are in greatest need, and focuses on what action can be taken to improve the quality of life for those who live in Eildon.

In bringing together this plan we have asked, and will continue to ask, local people across Eildon what would make the area better.

This plan is structured around four themes:

- Economy, Skills & Learning
- Health, Care & Wellbeing
- Safer Communities
- Environment & Place

ⁱ **Area Partnership** – bringing together organisations, groups, individuals and businesses from across the locality to collectively work together

From the Area Partnershipⁱ meetings to date we have gathered all the comments and feedback which you gave and prioritised what you told us is important to you and what will make a difference to the lives of people in the Eildon area.

Community planning partners – those organisations who are taking forward the Scottish Borders Community Plan

Communities, community planning partnersⁱ and local service providersⁱ will need to work together in partnership to plan and deliver better services that meet the needs of the people who use them.

Local service providers – those organisations who are providing services locally (e.g. GPs, Community Nurses, Business Advisors, etc.)

At a Borders-wide level this is done through the Scottish Borders Community Plan and the Community Planning Partnership. The key actions are detailed at the end of this plan.

At a Locality level this is done through the Eildon Locality Plan and the Eildon Area Partnership.

At a local level, services and communities continue to respond to their local community needs. Local plans, including local community action plans, are referenced at the end of this plan.

Eildon Locality Area Profile 2018/2019

EILDON AREA PROFILE 2019



TOP 5 ISSUES FOR THE PEOPLE OF EILDON ARE:

- Growing the economy of the Borders, and supporting retailers and businesses
- Providing activities and facilities for younger people
- Providing high quality care for older people
- Maintaining and improving the quality of our town centres and civic spaces
- Raising education attainment and achievement, and helping people of all ages obtain the skills they need

(SBHS2018)

POPULATION ESTIMATES AND PROJECTIONS

National Records of Scotland (NRS) estimates the population of **Eildon** to be

35,330 population
(30.7% of the Scottish Borders (SB))

16.5% aged 0-15
(SB = 16.3%; SCOT = 17.0%)

61.2% aged 16-64
(SB = 59.2%; SCOT = 64.7%)

22.3% aged 65+
(SB = 24.5%; SCOT = 18.3%)

(NRS 2017)



29.5% of people live in a **settlements of under 500 people**
(Scottish Borders = 28.5%)

Larger settlements in Eildon:

12,603 Galashiels	2,022 Tweedbank	1,331 Newtown St Boswells
5,560 Selkirk	1,790 Lauder	711 Stow
2,464 Melrose	1,728 Earlston	

(NRS 2017)



The NRS projects that the population of **Eildon** will be **34,828** people by 2036

Of these:

14.9% will be aged 0-15
(fewer than present)

52.4% will be aged 16-64
(fewer than present)

37.2% will be aged 65+
(more than present)

(NRS 2012 based)

EDUCATION - CURRICULUM FOR EXCELLENCE (CFE)

% of pupils **achieving expected standards of numeracy** by end of education stage (2017/18)

STAGE	EILDON	SB / SCOT
P1 (Early Level)	88%	80% / 85%
P4 (Level 1)	81%	79% / 76%
P7 (Level 2)	72%	74% / 75%
S3 (Level 3+)	96%	93% / 89%
S3 (level 4)	73%	65% / 56%

(Seemis)

% of pupils **achieving expected standards of reading** by end of education stage (2017-18)

STAGE	EILDON	SB / SCOT
P1 (Early Level)	85%	81% / 81%
P4 (Level 1)	79%	80% / 77%
P7 (Level 2)	81%	80% / 79%
S3 (Level 3+)	94%	94% / 90%
S3 (level 4)	69%	64% / 53%

(Seemis)

% of pupils **achieving expected standards of writing** by end of education stage (2017/18)

STAGE	EILDON	SB / SCOT
P1 (Early Level)	84%	77% / 78%
P4 (Level 1)	74%	75% / 72%
P7 (Level 2)	72%	76% / 73%
S3 (Level 3+)	93%	93% / 89%
S3 (level 4)	68%	59% / 51%

(Seemis)

INCOME AND POVERTY¹

An average of **12%** of Eildon's children aged 0-15 lived in **Low Income Families** in 2016.
(Scottish Borders = 13%; Scotland = 17%)
This ranged from **1%** in the **least-deprived neighbourhood** to **41%** in the **most-deprived**.

(HMRC)

12% of Eildon's school roll received **Free School Meals** on grounds of low income in 2017-18
(Scottish Borders 11%)
At school level within Eildon, this ranged from **0%** to **32%**

(Seemis)

13% of Eildon's school roll received **Clothing Grant** in 2016.

At **school level within Eildon**, this ranged from **0%** to **33%**

(Seemis)

15.2% of Eildon's households were living in relatively low income in 2014¹
(Scottish Average = 15%)
This ranged from **9.6%** in the **least-deprived neighbourhood** to **23.2%** in the **most-deprived**.

(ISG-SIMD)

The **Average Weekly Gross Household Income** in 2014 was **£647**
(Scottish Average £684)
This ranged **within Eildon** from **£476** in the **lowest-earning neighbourhood** to **£873** in the **highest-earning**.

(DWP May 2018)

9.7% of Eildon's population was considered to be **income-deprived** in 2016.
(Scottish Borders = 9.7%; Scotland = 12.5%)
This ranged within Eildon from **3%** in the **least-deprived neighbourhoods** to **29%** in the **most-deprived**

5.4% of people aged 60+ claimed **pension credit** in May 2018
(SB = 5.7%; SCOT = 7.2%)

¹Relative low income (HBAI): % of households earning under 60% of the UK median gross income

ECONOMY AND DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY

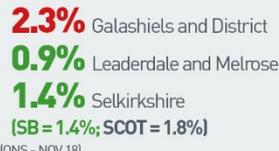
RETAIL VACANCY RATE 2016



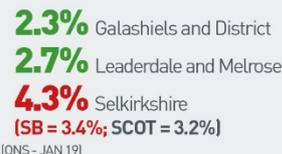
TOWN CENTRE FOOTFALL 2012-2016



UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMANT RATE¹ ALL PEOPLE AGED 16-64



YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMANT RATE² ALL PEOPLE AGED 16-64



BROADBAND

2.8% of premises were unable to receive 2Mb/S Broadband in 2016 (SB = 4.2%)
This ranged **within Eildon** from **0%** in the **least-affected neighbourhood** to **32%** in the **most-affected**.

(OfCom)

Eildon had lower than average levels of **digital exclusion** of the **5 localities** in 2017; but **higher in parts of Galashiels, Selkirk and Newtown St Boswells**

(Scottish Borders Digital Inclusion Index 2017)

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

14.1% of pregnant women admitted to being **current smokers** in 2015-17 (SB = 16.7%; SCOT = 15.9%)

An annual average of **14.8%** of **27-30 month olds** had "one or more **developmental concerns**" between 2014 and 2017 (SB = 17%; SCOT = 18.3%)

An annual average of **39%** of babies were still being **exclusively breastfed** at **6-8 weeks**, 2015-2018 (SB = 36.1%; SCOT = 29.7%)

76% of **P1 pupils** had "no obvious **dental decay**" in 2017-18 (SB = 75.1%; SCOT = 70.4%)

76.8% of **P1 children** had a "healthy **weight**" in 2017-18 (SB = 77.8%; SCOT = 76.5%)

(ScotPHO/ Statistics.gov.scot)

HEALTH²

395 per 100,000 people were discharged from hospital with **Coronary Heart Disease**, 2015-18 (SB = 343; SCOT = 381)

145 per 100,000 people aged under **75** died from **cancer** in 2015-17 (SB = 136; SCOT = 160)

6,560 per 100,000 people aged **65+** had 2 or more **emergency hospital admissions** in 2015-17 (SB = 5,443; SCOT = 5,422)

542 per 100,000 people were **hospitalised due to alcohol misuse** in 2017-18 (SB = 412; SCOT = 675)

(ScotPHO)



WELLBEING

33% of survey respondents in Eildon say they **sometimes or often feel lonely or isolated**. (Scottish Borders = 33%)

75% of survey respondents say they **take part in moderate physical 30-minute exercise at least twice a week**. (Scottish Borders = 78%)

73.8% of **Primary 7 pupils** took part in "Active Schools" **extra-curricular sports** in 2017-18 (SB = 79.5%)

By **54** this was **down to 42.8%** (SB = 36.7%)

(SBHS 2018/ScotPHO/ SEEMIS)



NEIGHBOURHOOD AND COMMUNITY

The **SIMD Crime Rate** in 2016 was **233** per 10,000 people³ (SB = 180; SCOT = 312)
This ranged from **0** in the **safest neighbourhood** to **1123** in the **least safe neighbourhood**.

(SIMD 2016)

An average rate² of **71.6** per year died or **were hospitalised** due to a **road traffic accident** between 2015 and 2017 (SB = 72.6; SCOT = 59.2)

(ScotPHO)

24% of survey respondents said that they feel "a bit" or "very" **unsafe walking alone at night** (SB = 24%)

(SBHS2018)



"People using or dealing drugs", "off-road motorbikes" and "abandoned or burnt-out vehicles" are the **top three most-common neighbourhood problems** that are more complained-about by survey respondents in Eildon than average for Scottish Borders.

(SBHS2018)



58% of survey respondents are **involved in voluntary work**, such as supporting Parent Councils, committees or helping a neighbour with shopping (SB = 59%)

(SBHS2018)

41% of the people in Eildon live within the 10% most **access deprived** in all of Scotland (SB = 27%)

(SIMD 2016)

19% of survey respondents said they **have problems accessing public transport due to where they live** (SB = 28%)

(SBHS 2018)

14% of survey respondents said they **have difficulty accessing leisure facilities because of where they live** (SB = 18%)

(SBHS 2018)



KEY: ■ Better than SB and SCOT; ■ In between SB and SCOT; ■ Worse than SB and SCOT

¹ Unemployment Claimant Rate = Claimant Count of JSA and unemployment-related Universal Credit, as a rate of the eligible population

² Rates per 100,000, age-sex standardised, so the differences in the figures are not due to the older population balance

³ Selected recorded crimes per 10,000 people for the 2016 Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation

Engaging with our communities

In developing this plan, we have spoken with a number of people at the Eildon Area Partnership meetings over the past year. Going forward, our aim is to reach out to a wider range of people within the community as we recognise the importance of engaging with everyone in our community.

We will continue to build on this draft plan, and gain further understanding of the needs and ambitions of our communities.

A vital part of this will be ongoing engagement and communication with the people of Eildon, and to create further opportunities for people to talk to us in person, to take part in surveys or online. We want as many people as possible to be involved.

We have gathered the feedback that you gave us to help shape this plan, and it is really important that you continue to give us your views and thoughts as this plan will have an impact on the community that you live in.

We want the people in Eildon to get involved and help us deliver the actions in this plan, and we welcome your views on how we do this.

What contribution could you make to your community to make it a better place?

For information on how to get involved, join a local community group or community council, take part in local volunteering opportunities, please contact:

Volunteer Centre Borders
Riverside House
Ladhope Vale
Galashiels
TD1 1BT
Tel: 01896 754041
Web: www.vcborders.org.uk

Eildon Wards



Galashiels & District
 Population - 14,957
 Galashiels - 12,603
 Stow - 711



Leaderdale & Melrose
 Population - 10,746
 Melrose - 2,464
 Tweedbank - 2,022
 Lauder - 1,790
 Earlston - 1,728



Selkirkshire
 Population - 9,627
 Selkirk - 5,560
 Newtown St Boswells - 1,331

Economy, Skills & Learning

Through the Area Partnership you told us your key priorities for Eildon are:

- Improve **rural** digital connectivity, **accessibility** and use of technology
- Improve the accessibility and reliability of transport services

Other priorities that are important to the Eildon community:

- Enhance career advice and career opportunities by promoting modern apprenticeships and vocational training
- Increase learning opportunities and skills development across a wide range of subjects and vocations **and ages**
- Invest in local, sustainable employment opportunities
- Develop a business / community hub model for tech start ups, small businesses etc **and encourage new businesses to set up the Locality**
- Encourage intergenerational activity and creation of learning hubs in schools, Borders College and community spaces
- Promote Eildon as a visitor destination, highlighting the heritage and unique selling points of the area

Health, Care & Wellbeing

Through the Area Partnership you told us your key priority for Eildon is:

- Increase the range and accessibility of community activities to encourage a reduction in drug and alcohol use in the Eildon locality

Other priorities that are important to the Eildon community:

- Increase the range of care and support options across the locality to enable people to remain in their own homes and communities
- Increase the availability of locally based rehabilitation services
- Improve the availability and accessibility of services for people living in rural areas
- Increase the range of housing options available across the locality and plan for future housing needs
- 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
- Support people to make informed health and lifestyle choices

Quality of Life

Through the Area Partnership you told us your key priority for Eildon is:

- Create safe areas for young people within local communities and provide leisure facilities that are accessible and affordable

Other priorities that are important to the Eildon community:

- Revise transport provision to improve connectivity and reduce rural isolation
- Strengthen partnership working between local services
- Improve communication of social and leisure opportunities to local residents
- Carry out more community mapping and consultations to identify what people want in their area
- **Improve older people's quality of life by increasing their sense of safety within the community**

Environment & Place

Through the Area Partnership you told us your key priority for Eildon is:

- Create appropriately placed, affordable & socially inclusive housing in the countryside
- Develop attractions within the countryside to encourage visitors to the area

(Has been split into two priorities)

Other priorities that are important to the Eildon community:

- Housing stock should reflect need in the local community, be affordable and be accessible for local services
- Reduce fuel poverty across the Locality. All housing developments to incorporate eco infrastructures into builds
- Development of town / village centres and housing must consider the environment and health and wellbeing of people who will live there

How we will measure success

The Eildon Area Partnership will feedback every year on the progress made in delivering the priorities within this plan. By monitoring the progress we make, we can measure the difference made to local people and communities. Progress and achievements will be shared with the Community Planning Partnership and other public bodies as well as being shared and celebrated with the wider community.

We will continue to ask the community their views and encourage more people to participate in the Area Partnership. As the needs of the locality change, we will ensure the priorities and actions within the plan reflect these changes.

Local Plans for Eildon

Local Community Action Plans

- Earlston Community Action Plan
- Ettrick and Yarrow Community Development Plan
- Heriot Plan (draft)

Learning Community Partnership Plans

- Earlston Learning Community Partnership Plan
- Galashiels Learning Community Partnership Plan
- Selkirk Learning Community Partnership Plan

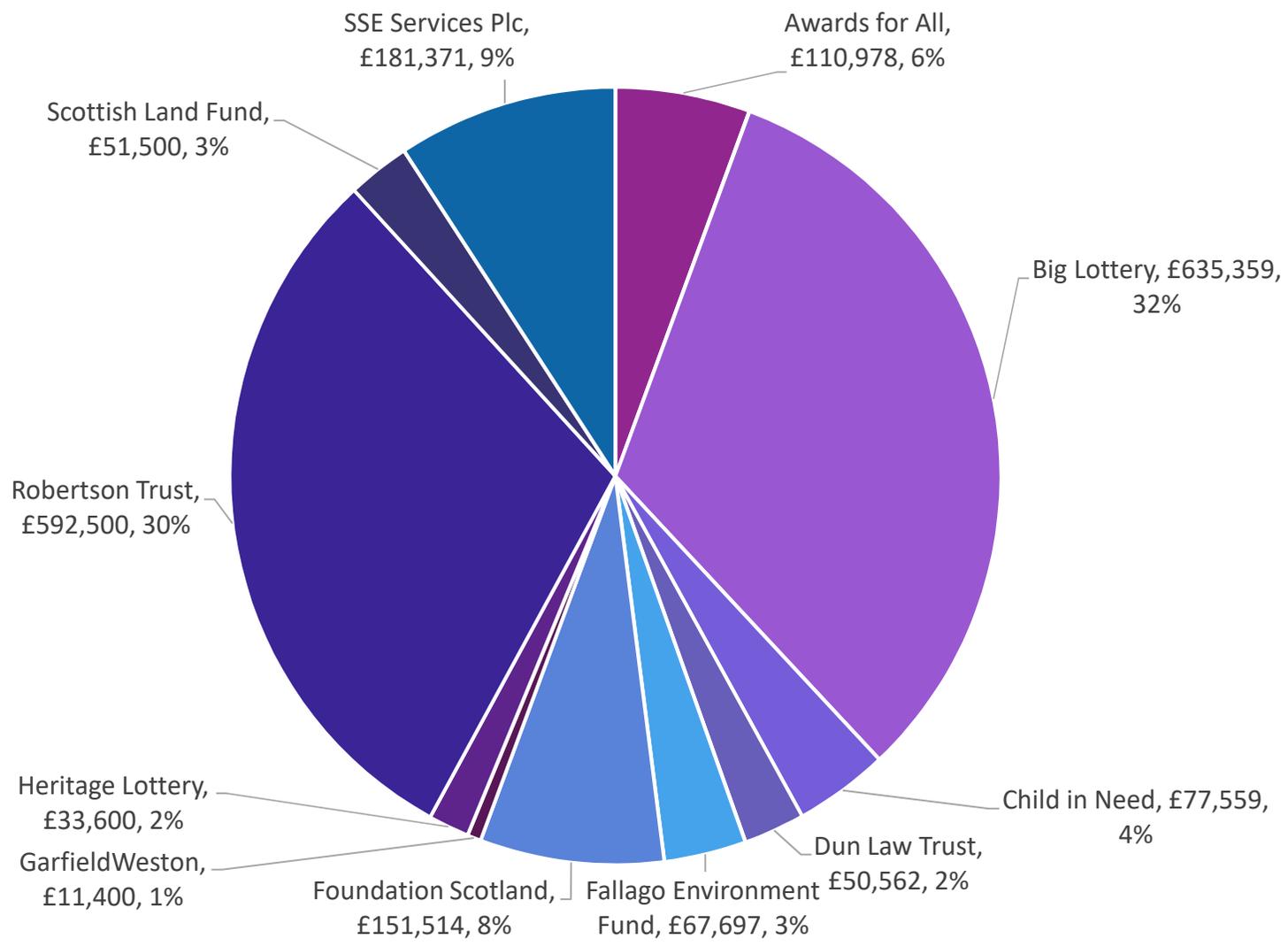
Strategic Action Plans

The key strategic action plans that have an impact on Eildon are:

- >list to be drafted<



External Funding April 2016 to March 2019. £1,964,040

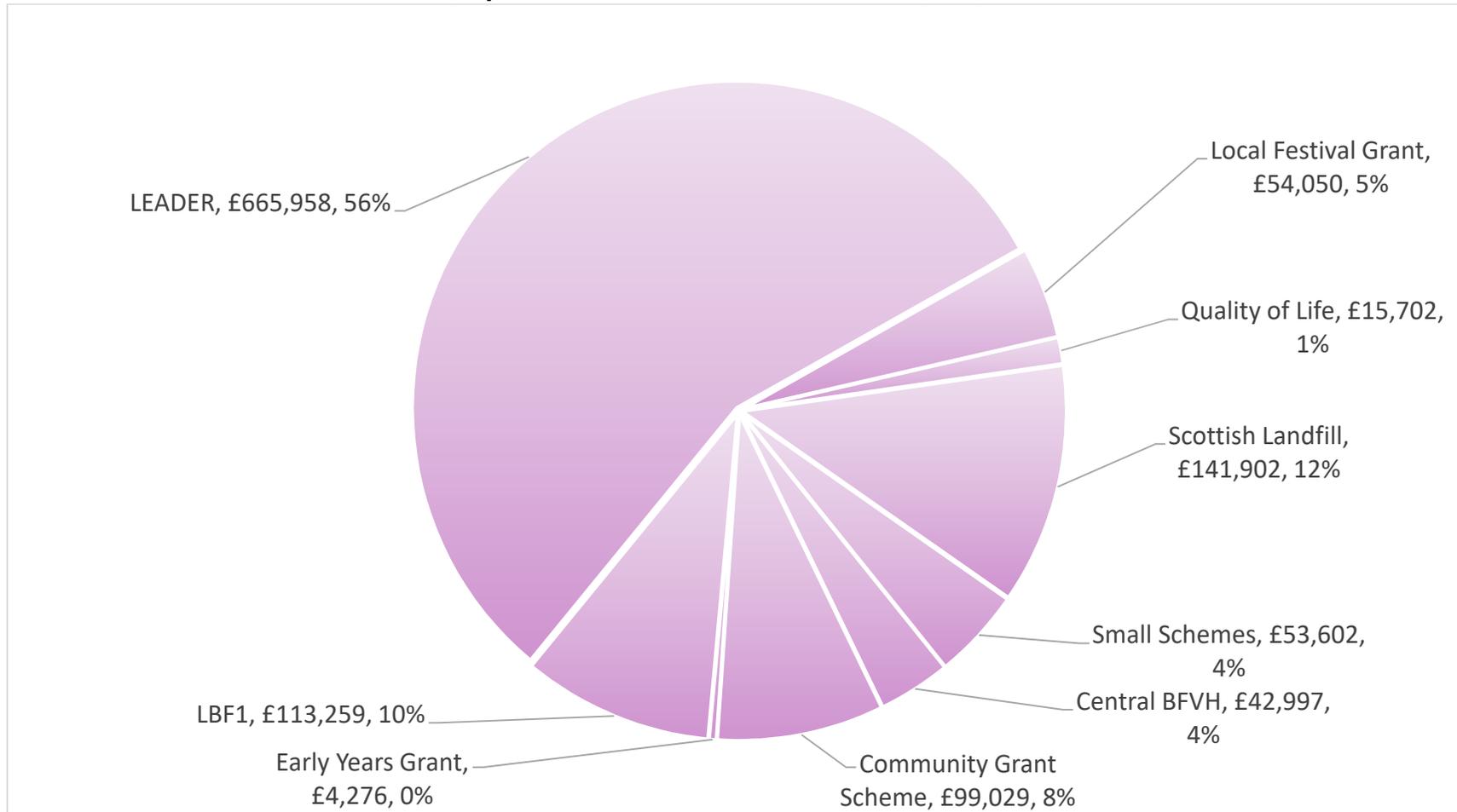


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Internal funds Invested in Eildon, April 2016 to March 2019. Total £1,263,218



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Eildon Community Fund 2019-20

Current position as of November 2019

Community Council commitments	Value (£)
Bowden	£540
Earlston	£990
Ettrick and Yarrow	£630
Galashiels	£1,780
Heriot	£540
Lauderdale	£630
Lilliesleaf, Ashkirk and Midlem	£630
Melrose and District	£990
Newtown and Eildon	£630
Selkirk and District	£1,365
Parish of Stow	£630
Tweedbank	£630
Total	£9,985

Central Federation of Village Halls commitment, includes	Value (£)
Ashkirk	
Blainslie	
Boston Memorial	
Bowden	
**Caddonfoot	
Currie Memorial	
Fifth Ward Community Association	
Fountainhall	
Gattonside	
Kirkhope	
Lindean	
Macfie Hall	
*Maxton 21	
Mellerstain	
Midlem	
Newstead	
Oxton War Memorial	
Redpath	
Smith Memorial	
*St Boswells	
St Mary's	
Yarrowford	
Yarrow	
Total	£14,470
* Part of Central Borders not Roxburgh	
** Part of Central Borders not Peeblesshire	

Local Festival Grants commitments	Value (£)
Earlston	£2,750
Galashiels	£9,300
Lauder	£3,300
Melrose	£3,300
Selkirk	£6,500
Stow	£500
Tweedbank	£2,750
Total	£28,400

Interim Community Fund	Value (£)
<i>Awarded (to date)</i>	
Eildon West Youth Hub	£4,500
FFA Newtown PS	£4,439
Newtown in Bloom	£1,292
Burgh PS Parent Council	£1,500
Lauderdale Scouts	£10,000
Earlston Paths Group	£1,360.80
<i>Applications (to be assessed)</i>	<i>£27,000</i>
Available Balance	£229,369

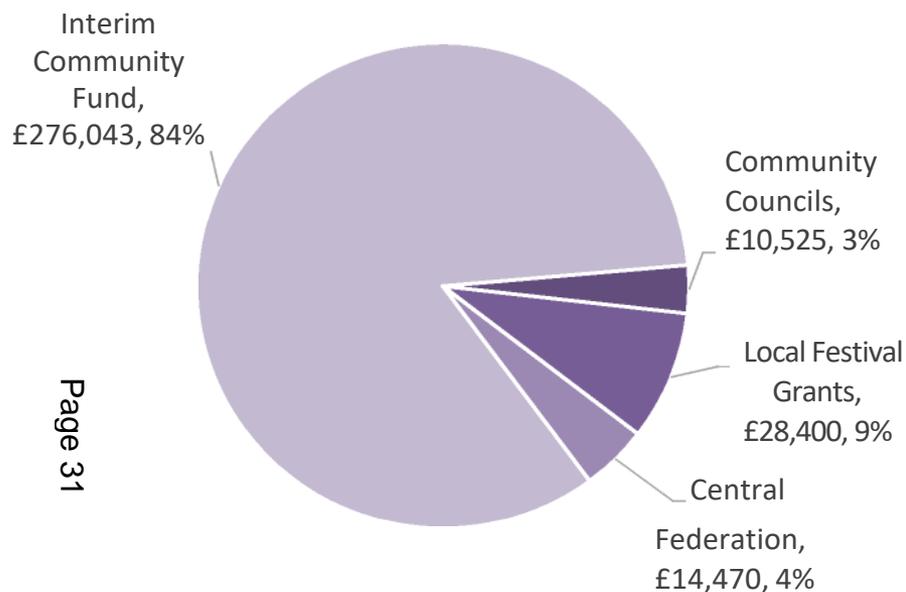


Eildon Community Fund 2019-20

Current position as of November 2019



Interim Community Fund 2019-20



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Interim Community Fund (2019/20)	Value (£)
Total Budget Allocation	£329,438
Community Councils - <i>committed</i>	£10,525
Local Festival Grants - <i>committed</i>	£28,400
Central Federation of Village Halls - <i>committed</i>	£14,470
Balance (less <i>commitments</i>)	£276,043
Awarded (to date)	£30,904
Applications (to be assessed)	£27,800
Available Balance	£229,369

Other Funds in 2019/20 available to the Eildon community

SBC Small Schemes	Value	Trusts	Awarded	Available
Total	£48,200	Community	£0	£5,34
<i>Committed</i>	£0	Enhancement		
<i>Uncommitted</i>	£48,200	Welfare	£0	£12,209

Common Good	Available	Awarded
Galashiels	£1,100	£0
Selkirk	£19,725	£9,902
Lauder	£15,000	£11,635
William Hill	£3,500	£0

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2019/2020 Community Fund: Interim Assessment Form

Locality: Eildon

Ref. No.: CF1920-EIL-12

Organisation Name: Stable Life

Funding Requested: £20,000

ABOUT THE GROUP			
Organisation Structure	Registered charity		
Annual Accounts Balance	£140,469		
Are any funds ring-fenced, if so why & how much?			
<p>Yes Stable Life holds £50,000 in reserves for unexpected costs such as a funding crisis, redundancy, significant maintenance costs or for long term investment in the Dryden infrastructure. The restricted funds would also cover the costs of supporting their equine herd in the event of closure and / or a break in business continuity until alternative arrangements could be made. There is an additional Capital Reserve fund of £12,300 and funds ring-fenced for an IT upgrade and the Out of the Woods pilot programme totaling £12,600.</p>			
Has the applicant applied for SBC community funding within the last three years?			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Fund	Financial Year	Amount (£)	What used for?
Localities Bid Fund	2019/20	£15,000	Indoor riding school upgrade
Education's ASN contribution	2019/20	£7,000	To fund costs of young person referrals
Education's ASN contribution	2018/19	£7,000	To fund costs of young person referrals
Education's ASN contribution	2017/18	£7,000	To fund costs of young person referrals

ABOUT THE PROJECT		
Project Brief	The application is to part fund Stable Life's annual rental cost and additional Estate overhead costs of £41,228.00 for 2019/20.	
Project Start Date:	01.12.19	
Total Expenditure (£)	£372,825.00 (Stable Life running costs for 2019/20)	
Community Fund Request (£)	£20,000.00	
10% Match-funding	£2,000	
Any Other Contribution?	£350,825.00 (for 2019/20)	
Other Funding Sources	Amount (£)	At what stage?
	£190,325	Secured grant funding
	£25,000	Commissioned services (voluntary sector + other LA's) + SBC Education ASN contribution
	£90,000	Commercial income (ongoing)
	£39,326	Pending funding applications
	£8,174	Donations/Fundraising (ongoing)
Total	£352,825.00	For 2019/20
Community Fund Outcomes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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	

ASSESSMENT	
What need/demand has been evidenced for this project/activity?	<p>Stable Life supports around 100 disadvantaged young people aged 10-18 years annually. Of the 104 young people referred last year, 57 came from Eildon. Over 544 1:1 sessions and group sessions took place during the year with 29 young people discharged with a medium to significant increase in their self-confidence. 26 have shown a medium to significant increase in their resilience, 31 have improved relationships and 23 have shown a significant to moderate increase with Life Skills. 5 young people are now working towards an SQA Level 4 award. 15 young people are re-engaging with school, 6 young people went into further education, 4 young people gained accreditations 16 young people became volunteers (Peer Mentors and Yard Volunteers) and 34 young people became volunteers elsewhere.</p>

	<p>A holiday programme and residential trip was provided over the summer to provide continued support and a variety of learning experiences to young people who had no alternative.</p> <p>Scottish Borders Council's Education and Social Work services are the main referrers to Stable Life. The voluntary sector and other Local Authorities who have young people placed in Scottish Borders also refer to Stable Life. These are commissioned services.</p>
<p>What benefits will be gained from the project/activity and how well does the project/activity meet the outcomes of the scheme?</p>	<p>Through Equine Assisted Learning, Stable Life is supporting young people to become more motivated, fitter and happier. Learning is delivered through 1:1 and group sessions as well as life skills sessions, work placements, volunteering opportunities and a summer programme. Over the past five years, over 549 young people have engaged with Stable Life. 80% say they are now more resilient and have better life styles. Over 85% showed increased confidence and 84% have improved relationships. 44 young people became peer volunteers with over 8,000 hours of volunteering completed. The economic value of 8,000 volunteer hours is the equivalent of £99,680. 43 young people secured college placements, 54 completed work placements and 16 secured employment. There has also been benefits for the adult volunteers including two re-engaging with further education, two securing employment and completion of a 200 hours volunteering certificate.</p>
<p>What support and involvement of the wider community is there for this project/activity?</p>	<p>Stable Life actively encourage and support the involvement of all people in the running and development of the organisation. Young people help design future developments of the service and often become peer volunteers helping to deliver sessions. Young people also participate in Board meetings as do parent representatives. Stable Life are planning to set up a steering group with young people who will feed in ideas and suggestions to team meetings and Board meetings. Stable Life regularly receive donations from community residents. Local businesses regularly have volunteer team days where staff help out around the yard.</p>
<p>What efforts have been made by the applicant to secure other sources of funding for the project/activity?</p>	<p>Almost a third of Stable Life's running costs for 2019/20 will be met through income generation. Stable Life are in Year 2 of three year funding from a variety of external funders. These funds will cover 52% of their costs for 2019/20. To address the shortfall in external funding, Stable Life also have a number of pending applications, including their application to the Community Fund for £20,000.</p> <p>£115,307 in funding has been secured for 2020/21 with a further £271,668 pending. £27,000 funding has been secured for 2021/22 and a further £279,924 pending. Income raised from commissioned work, commercial activity and donations will help achieve the balance.</p> <p>Stable Life's Board has spent considerable time reviewing their financial situation and identifying adjustments that can be made to help them bridge a funding shortfall. Stable Life has significantly reduced their staff travel budget as staff no longer collect young people to transport them to and from Stable Life. Where possible volunteer drivers from Stable Life are used or the referring service</p>

	will transport young people. This has allowed them to reinvest their money in to project delivery.
<p>What happens at the end of the project/activity or when the funding is spent?</p>	<p>Stable Life has been working with Community Enterprise in Scotland (CEIS) for the past six years to develop their strategy and increase income generation. CEIS supported Stable Life's move from premises in Galashiels to Dryden, a move which has increased their income levels from 0% to 30%. The focus of CEIS's work is sustainability of the project and centers on two key areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the refurb of the riding school - a refurbished indoor riding school creates opportunity to increase earnings by staging competitions, events, hiring out for private functions etc, bringing people to the Eildon area. • Establishment of Stable Life as an SQA accreditation centre - Stable Life has recently started supporting service users to complete SQA portfolios which are verified through Borders College. Stable Life are considering developing this model to become an accredited learning centre themselves. As SQA accreditation generates tariff points for schools there is motivation for schools to work with Stable Life to create learning opportunities for students and a dialogue has begun with schools regarding paid referrals to Stable Life. <p>There is also a vision to widen Stable Life's criteria to include other client groups such as Veterans, Criminal Justice programmes for young female offenders etc. The aim is to develop a clear commissioning framework between Stable Life and referring partners which includes SBC.</p> <p>These measures, along with commercial income, should eventually provide Stable Life with at least 50% of their overall costs which would cover core expenditure of the project.</p> <p>A refresh of Stable Life's Business Plan has begun and an application has been made to secure business support from the Scottish Government's Just Enterprise Programme.</p> <p>Stable Life's current lease runs until 2023. An agreement is in place that their lease will be extended by 10 years (to 2028) If they are successful at securing funding to upgrade the riding school indoor facilities. Funding of £25,000 has been secured and £15,000 raised through crowdfunding. One funding application for £10,000 is pending. The landlords have agreed to an arrangement where any shortfall could be covered through future rent payments. A local family trust has also offered Stable Life a monthly contribution in support of the work they are delivering.</p>
<p>Quotes received for items of expenditure</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Have appropriate permissions been sought/granted?</p>	<p>N/A</p>

SBC OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Recommend to approve to the value of £20,000

Additional Terms and Conditions:

To address concerns regarding project sustainability, Stable Life will be required to refresh their Business Plan and continue to explore income generation opportunities to reduce reliance on grant funding and ensure core costs can be met.

