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**Tweeddale
Area Partnership**

Our Scottish Borders
Your community

Meeting

Date: Tuesday, 14 January 2020
Time: 7.00 p.m.
Location: Eddleston Village Hall, Eddleston

AGENDA

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

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| 1. | Welcome and Introductions |
| 2. | Feedback from Meeting on (Pages 3 - 12) Copy Minute from meeting on 5 November 2019. (Copy attached.) |
| 3. | Transport Update Update from Tim Stephenson, Passenger Transport Manager. |
| 4. | Tweeddale Locality Action Plan Update (Pages 13 - 48) Update by Kenny Harrow, Locality Development Co-ordinator. (Copy action plan attached.) |
| 5. | Tweeddale Locality Plan: Environment and Place Presentation by Changeworks followed by table discussion. |
| 6. | Community Fund - Update (Pages 49 - 60) (a) Community Fund Information sheets attached. (b) Community Fund Assessments:- (i) Tweed Wheels (ii) Innerleithen Community Trust (Copies attached) |
| 7. | Open Forum Opportunity to raise local matters. |
| 8. | Community Empowerment Act Update (Pages 61 - 64) Annual Participation and Asset Transfer Reports attached. |
| 9. | Future Agenda Items for Tweeddale Area Partnership |
| 10. | Date of Next Meeting |

Tuesday, 24 March 2019 at 7.00 p.m. in the MacFarlane Hall, Peebles.

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**SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL
TWEEDDALE AREA PARTNERSHIP**

MINUTE of Meeting of the TWEEDDALE
AREA PARTNERSHIP held in Clovenfords
Primary School Hall, Clovenfords on Tuesday,
5 November 2019 at 7.00 p.m.

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

Apologies:- Councillors K. Chapman, S. Haslam

In Attendance:- Communities and Partnerships Manager, Locality Development Co-ordinators
(G. Jardine and K. Harrow), , Democratic Services Team
Leader.

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

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

2. ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Chairman varied the order of business as shown on the agenda and the Minute reflects the order in which the items were considered at the meeting.

3. SMALL SCHEMES – ESHIELS TUNNEL LIGHTING

There had been circulated copies of a paper outlining the options to provide lighting in Eshiels Tunnel. The tunnel was formerly part of the railway infrastructure and now formed part of the multi user path between Peebles and Innerleithen. The tunnel was located close to the Eshiels Recycling Centre and was approximately 60m long and 4m wide. The height changed from 3.5m at the eastern entrance to 2.4m at the western entrance. The paper explained that there had been a number of incidents and accidents which had been reported as due to the unlit tunnel despite mitigating works including the installation of warning signs, slow signs painted on the path and path lining in white paint. Quotes had now been received for the installation of lighting and these were detailed in the report. Keith Robeson, Senior Ranger with Scottish Borders Council was present at the meeting and outlined the requirements including the need for a bat survey and SNH approval. Those present discussed the options including possible alternatives and agreed that work to take the proposal forward should proceed.

4. FEEDBACK FROM MEETING ON 27 AUGUST 2019

The Minute of the meeting of the Tweeddale Area Partnership held on 27 August 2019 had been circulated along with a summary of the discussion attached as an appendix to the Minute and the Chairman highlighted the main points which had been raised and was pleased to advise that 3 community councils were currently working on a solution to late night transport in their areas.

5. TWEEDDALE LOCALITY PLAN

5.1 Shona Smith advised that the updated version of the Plan would be submitted to the next meeting of the Community Planning Partnership. Copies of the draft Action Plan were on the tables for the information of those present. There was still some work to be done on this

and the final version would be circulated with the Minute of the meeting. The Performance Framework would be included in the Community Plan.

Health Care & Wellbeing – Reducing Loneliness and Social Isolation

- 5.2 Margaret Smail and Richard McDowell from Community Learning and Development gave a presentation on the work of her service. The Service had a priority plan for the year. They were currently targeting families and encouraging people to study for qualifications. This empowered people and improved health and wellbeing. Digital isolation was also highlighted and weekly IT drop in sessions were being held. Two adult learners were also present and explained the help they had received and the positive impact it had on their lives. Four young men from the Walkerburn Youth Group were also present and gave examples of the issues they faced and suggested that free bus travel for young people in rural areas and the availability of buses later in the evening would make a huge difference to their lives. Examples of intergenerational projects were also highlighted.
- 5.3 Rachel Studinski gave a presentation on the Spring Social Prescribing project by Health in Mind which had been funded by the National Lottery. This allowed NHS primary care providers to refer patients to the project who would in turn identify activities within their communities which would help to improve their health and wellbeing. There could be up to 12 interventions with each person to assess their needs. Activities included aqua fit and walking football and they would be accompanied by someone from the project until they had the confidence to attend alone. The project was working well and was helping reconnect people to their communities. Most referrals had been related to social isolation and lack of confidence. A digital platform was being used to record all information and allowed both the Doctor and the patient to monitor progress.
- 5.4 Lorna McCulloch from the Bridge reported on their work. 40% of people in Tweeddale lived in a rural location. They provided support to the Federation of Village Halls which included 14 halls in the area. Village Hall played an important role in community life with over 400 regular lets and 150 one off hires per year. They also provided a community transport service which had facilitated 6500 trips last year. They maintained a Tweeddale Community Directory which contained over 300 groups and they were looking to develop this further over the next 6 months.
- 5.5 There were discussion sheets on each table which posed a series of questions including:-
- Where there any gaps
 - What were the barriers to access
 - How can these be addressed
 - What would be the benefit to the community

Each table was given 30 minutes to discuss these issues which would be recorded by the table facilitator. A summary of the outputs is appended to the Minute.

- 5.6 The Chairman invited the Walkerburn Youth Group representatives to ask questions. They asked if any help could be given for the cost of hiring the hall as this used all their funds. The possibility of submitting a Community Grant Fund application was suggested. They also felt that Walkerburn did not receive much funding from the Council compared to other areas and it was agreed that Councillors would look at this. The need to bring forward specific projects was highlighted. Concern regarding parents sending their children to St. Ronan's Primary School rather than Walkerburn which might result in the closure of the school was also expressed. Assurance was given that both the Headteacher and the Council were committed to keeping the primary school.

6. **TWEEDDALE INTERIM COMMUNITY FUND**

Shona Smith advised that there were no applications to consider. However, one was currently being processed and a second had been received that week. A fast track application was also being dealt with. With regard to local festival funding Councillor Bell highlighted that Clovenfords had not been included and was overdue for review. Les Turnbull, Chairman of Peebles Community Council expressed concern that festival funding was now part of the community fund. These were central to the life of many towns and villages and suggested that the money should be ringfenced and did not require to be applied for. The Chairman advised that this would be considered as part of the current consultation on the community fund. Mr Turnbull advised he was not aware of this consultation. It was confirmed that all Community Councils had been contacted but there was still time for views to be submitted.

7. **OFF-STREET CAR PARKING IN PEEBLES**

There had been circulated copies of a paper proposing that a sub-group of the Tweeddale Area Partnership should be set up to carry out a review of parking in Peebles, with a particular focus off-street parking. It was agreed that a sub-group should be established and comprise representatives from the Council, Peebles Community Council, Peebles Community Trust, traders in Peebles town centre, other business and community representatives. The group should consider the current parking provision in Peebles with a particular focus on off-street parking and its relationship to all parking and public transport. The timescale for the group should be 1 year.

8. **OPEN FORUM**

8.1 Frank Drummond from the Tweeddale Access Panel advised that Sainsbury's were supplying sunflower lanyards. These were designed to be worn by those with a hidden disability and that they may require assistance in certain situations.

8.2 Les Turnbull, Chairman of Peebles Community Council reported on the Peebles Railway Heritage Project. The aim was to obtain the small building in the East Station Car Park and return it to community use. The building was owned by the Council and negotiations regarding a long-term lease were almost concluded. It was proposed that it would be used as a visitor information hub and funding would be sought from various sources.

9. **COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT UPDATE**

Shona Smith advised that an easy read document providing information on Community Empowerment was available which provided details regarding participation requests, assets transfers etc.

10. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

It was suggested that the next agenda should focus on young people. Items on the Community fund and climate change were also suggested.

11. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Tweeddale Area Partnership would be held on Tuesday, 14 January 2020 in Eddleston Village Hall. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

The meeting concluded at 9.05 p.m.

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Tweeddale Locality Plan – Health, Care and Well-being: Social Isolation and Loneliness

Suggestions made:

- Improve communication and visibility of local groups and services
- Multi-use venues and facilities, including new school campuses
- Increase number of leisure activities, including dementia friendly walks
- Have more family events
- Have community champions
- Talk to your neighbours
- Have more informal volunteering
- Support people to develop their digital skills & offer better access to the internet
- Improve community transport so people can access groups
- Expand outreach services eg What Matters Hubs

| Identify what the gap is (e.g. age group, geographical area)? | What can be done to address the identified gap? | 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? | What would the benefits be to the community/individuals? |
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| Make public transport free for specific groups, i.e. young people | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tweed Wheels • Gala Wheels | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tim Stephenson (SBC) • Community Councils • Bus users Scotland? • Christine Graham MSP | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would it be possible to provide free Bus Passes for Young People in the Tweeddale area and pilot this for 1 year. • Utilise Warwick and Edinburgh well-being Scale (wemwebs) to measure to monitor and assess this communities mental health over a period of time | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should demonstrate an increase in positive mental health and improved social connections. |
| How do you find out about what is available for individuals to access | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What Matters Hubs • A.L.I.S.S. • (A Local Information service for Scotland) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each local Community to complete a community Newsletter • Noticeboards • Facebook Pages • Calendar/ Contacts • “Life” Magazines | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Printing/ Advertising costs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A broader understanding of what community activities are available. • Improve access to services |

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| Needs of people with hearing loss (Communication) (isolation) (Lack of choices) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More lip speakers, Subtitles etc. • More consideration and awareness raised about hearing loss in the local community • Raise awareness of impact of hearing loss. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Media -> Radio Borders • Newspapers • Generic point of contact – Flyers/Cards | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding for more interpretation services depending on situation • More interpreters, lip readers • Subtitles on a more frequent basis than one per week at cinema currently | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One of our most vulnerable groups are included within society. |
| Day centres being closed and lack of access to premises | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep the building and the staff | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy Holders | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance • Better understanding of impact. • Funding for 3rd sector to carry on positive work • Community members still effected in community | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those that attend Day Centres are still involved and active within our community. |
| Access to bus services + cost for young people to make it affordable. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use a mobile phone app – pre paid credit so that money does not need to be exchanged and use of services can be easier | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free bus passes for over 65's and under 16's aswell as Students. • Students travelling to Edinburgh don't currently access free travel. • Mapping of town peoples travel needs. • Walkerburn Youth Forum • Outside the Box | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of technology • Look at examples at other rural transport. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people bus pass qualification • Young people can take part in after school activities. • Be more social and involved in other communities |
| Access to community spaces -> what community spaces are open for all and accessible. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify Funding stream to support access • What Facilities are open to all • Is there a similar fund like 'access for all'. That can help community buildings becoming accessible. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bridge | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time to undertake mapping exercise of facilities that are fully accessible. | |

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| Problem with school aged young people having to pay bus fares outside of school bus service – have free travel 24/7 for young people | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speak with SBC Passenger transport to request use of the school bus pass outside normal times | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SBC Passenger transport | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could be a cost to this that SBC/ Comm. Would need to meet with bus companies to request school passes be used outwith school start/ finish times + Saturdays & Sundays. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people would be able to participate in extra-curricular activities during the week + weekends. |
| Walkerburn residents feel over looked in terms of funding & service input from SBC – Could do more inter-generational projects | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SBC did start clearing an outdoor space for a park/ BMX track (2 years ago). Work stopped and it would be good to start this again | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community residents & SBC | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plans – Planning permissions • Funding • Volunteer time • Maintenance • Learn from other areas | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have an outdoor space that could be used by all ages helping improve health & well-being and would strengthen relationships in the village |
| Not enough Funding for Walkerburn Youth Club – not enough funding for hiring the hall | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SBC to support Walkerburn Y.C. to find £18 a week for hire of hall or work with hall committee to find support for funding the heating system (oil) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SBC & Hall Committee | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Input | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would help the youth club use membership fees for activities/ equipment etc. |
| Transport – young people won't be buying cars. No transport for social life | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Door to door transport needed in rural areas | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SBC Transport Staff | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project by project | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved physical/ mental health |
| Attracting older people to digital drop in older isolation | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community champion to encourage participation Broughton starting Bitet Blether, Eddleston have one, Cloven have one, Peebles have two. • Food Foundation Food Friendship service volunteers deliver food to families on low income and to chat. | |
| Lack of transport – Blyth Bridge (4X DAY W.L. – Edinburgh not possibly | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mini buses • Taxi • Problem: Low numbers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual organisations • Foundation of a group – campaign | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer week – regular press involvement • Resources – space | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social and economic benefit to the community |

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| To IT. Centre Cost of buses | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Someone to coordinate - funding applications etc | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Infrastructure to support a network of organisations | |
| Intergenerational family support – reaching rural families who are isolated | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work in partnerships to find out where these families are | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HV'S Schools Established groups i.e. rural institute (Royal highland ed. Trust) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Digital map A person to coordinate IT-Map- who is there? Somebody who knows the community well | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spreading knowledge. Fewer visits to GP |

| CASE STUDIES – EXAMPLES FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY | | |
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| 'Community Connections' – Outside the Box | <p>Community Connections is a new project that is based in two rural areas in Scotland:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Eaglesham and Waterfoot in East Renfrewshire – Brechin, Edzell and the Northern Glens in North Angus <p>Community Workers will bring together groups, activities and services that are used by the whole community, particularly older people and people who may feel isolated or disconnected from their community. In North Angus, we are also working alongside groups and services that support people living with dementia.</p> | |
| 'Museums on Prescription' Canterbury Christ Church University and University College London | <p>Museums on Prescription is the first scheme of its kind in the UK to tackle health inequalities by directly linking up museums and referrers from health, social care and third sector organisations.</p> <p>New programmes of museum-based, creative activities for lonely, older adults aged 65-94 years at risk of social isolation, have been designed to improve the mental and psychological wellbeing and social inclusion of older adults.</p> | |
| Recovery Devon CIC | <p>They were awarded £7,500 to create 'Happy to Share My Table' cards that people can use in cafés and other public spaces to let others know that they welcome the company of strangers. The project aims to reduce social isolation and loneliness by enabling people to connect and build positive relationships.</p> | |
| 'Good Neighbours' The Voluntary Organisations Development Agency (VODA) in North Tyneside | <p>The Good Neighbours project recruits, trains and supports volunteers to carry out a variety of practical tasks commonly associated with those carried out by a 'good neighbour'. From small household tasks to helping run errands or assistance with shopping, no long-term commitment is needed from volunteers, just the desire to help local people who need it. Good Neighbours volunteers receive training, support and get together regularly to discuss their role and share experiences</p> | |

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| 'The Voice That Makes a Difference' Northampton | They were awarded over £115,000 to bring over 1,000 young disabled people together to enjoy films by providing 24 screenings at local cinemas over three years that include British Sign Language, subtitles and audio description. This will make the cinema accessible to all. The funding will also provide workshops in drama, music and technology to support young people with disabilities to build their confidence and skills. | |
| 'Vintage Vibes' Lifecare Edinburgh and The Broomhouse Centre and Enterprises | Started in 2015, Vintage Vibes tackles isolation and loneliness among over 60s (called VIPs) in Edinburgh by creating long lasting one to one friendships offering support, companionship and the opportunity for VIPs to be more socially connected and active in their local community | |

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Scottish Borders

Tweeddale Locality Plan

November 2019

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Introduction

Welcome to the Tweeddale 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

ⁱ **Resources** – this could be: 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 Tweeddale.

In bringing together this plan we have asked, and will continue to ask, local people across Tweeddale 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

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

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

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 Tweeddale area.

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.

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 Tweeddale Locality Plan and the Tweeddale 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.

TWEEDDALE AREA PROFILE 2019



TOP 5 ISSUES FOR THE PEOPLE OF TWEEDDALE ARE:

- Growing the economy of the Borders, and supporting retailers and businesses
- Providing high quality care for older people
- Providing sustainable transport links including demand-responsive transport
- Raising education attainment and achievement, and helping people of all ages obtain the skills they need
- Reducing inequality and poverty

(SBHS2018)

POPULATION ESTIMATES AND PROJECTIONS

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

21,326 (Est 2017) **population**
(18.5% of the Scottish Borders (SB))

18.1% aged 0-15
(SB = 15.9%; SCOT = 16.9%)

59.4% aged 16-64
(SB = 59.0%; SCOT = 64.4%)

22.5% aged 65+
(SB = 25.1%; SCOT = 18.7%)



(NRS 2017)

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

Larger settlements in Tweeddale:

8,535 Peebles
3,141 Innerleithen
1,766 West Linton

896 Cardrona
695 Walkerburn



(NRS 2017)

The NRS projects that the population of Tweeddale will be **17,369** people by 2036
Of these:

17.4% will be aged 0-15
(more than present)

49.7% will be aged 16-64
(more than present)

32.9% 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 | TWEEDDALE | SB / SCOT |
|------------------|------------|-----------|
| P1 (Early Level) | 90% | 80% / 85% |
| P4 (Level 1) | 76% | 79% / 76% |
| P7 (Level 2) | 75% | 74% / 75% |
| S3 (Level 3+) | 92% | 93% / 89% |
| S3 (level 4) | 62% | 65% / 56% |

(Seemis)

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

| STAGE | TWEEDDALE | SB / SCOT |
|------------------|------------|-----------|
| P1 (Early Level) | 83% | 81% / 81% |
| P4 (Level 1) | 81% | 80% / 77% |
| P7 (Level 2) | 89% | 80% / 79% |
| S3 (Level 3+) | 93% | 94% / 90% |
| S3 (level 4) | 60% | 64% / 53% |

(Seemis)

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

| STAGE | TWEEDDALE | SB / SCOT |
|------------------|------------|-----------|
| P1 (Early Level) | 81% | 77% / 78% |
| P4 (Level 1) | 70% | 75% / 72% |
| P7 (Level 2) | 83% | 76% / 73% |
| S3 (Level 3+) | 90% | 93% / 89% |
| S3 (level 4) | 46% | 59% / 51% |

(Seemis)

INCOME AND POVERTY¹

An average of **8%** of Tweeddale's children aged 0-15 lived in **Low Income Families** in 2016.
(Scottish Borders = 13%; Scotland = 17%)
This ranged from **0%** in the **least-deprived neighbourhood** to **21%** in the **most-deprived**.

(HMRC)

6% of Tweeddale's school roll received **Free School Meals** on grounds of low income in 2017-18
(SB Average 11.2%)
At school level within Tweeddale, this ranged from **0%** to **11.1%**

(Seemis)

9% of Tweeddale's school roll received **Clothing Grant** in 2016.

At **school level within Tweeddale**, this ranged from **2%** to **18%**

(Seemis)

13.6% of Tweeddale's households were living in relatively low income in 2014¹
(Scottish Average = 15%)
This ranged from **8.1%** in the **least-deprived neighbourhood** to **18.8%** in the **most-deprived**.

(SG-SIMD)

The **Average Weekly Gross Household Income** in 2014 was

£728
(Scottish Average £684)

This ranged **within Tweeddale** from **£525** in the **lowest-earning neighbourhood** to **£1,019** in the **highest-earning**.

6.4% of Tweeddale's population was considered to be **income-deprived** in 2016.
(Scottish Borders = 9.7%; Scotland = 12.5%)
This ranged within Tweeddale from **0%** in the **least-deprived neighbourhoods** to **15%** in the **most-deprived**

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

4.6% of people aged 60+ claimed **pension credit** in May 2018
(SCOT = 7.2%)

(DWP)



ECONOMY AND DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY

RETAIL VACANCY RATE 2016

4% Innerleithen **0%** West Linton
6% Peebles
 (SB = 11%)

(SBC-PR)



TOWN CENTRE FOOTFALL 2012-2016

up **2%** Peebles
 (SB = down 6%)

(SBC-PR)

UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMANT RATE¹ ALL PEOPLE AGED 16-64

0.7% Tweeddale East
1.0% Tweeddale West
 (SB = 1.4%; SCOT = 1.8%)

(ONS - JAN 19)

YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMANT RATE² ALL PEOPLE AGED 16-64

1.0% Tweeddale East
2.3% Tweeddale West
 (SB = 3.4%; SCOT = 3.2%)

(ONS - JAN 19)

BROADBAND

4.6% of premises were unable to receive 2Mb/S Broadband in 2016
 (SB = 4.2%)

This ranged within Tweeddale from 0% in the least-affected neighbourhood to 32.4% in the most-affected.

(OfCom)

Tweeddale had the lowest average levels of digital exclusion of the 5 localities in 2017, but still higher in parts of Innerleithen, Peebles and Walkerburn

(Scottish Borders Digital Inclusion Index 2017)

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

11.1% of pregnant women admitted to being current smokers in 2015-17
 (SB = 16.7%; SCOT = 15.9%)

An annual average of **16.1%** of 27-30 month olds had "one or more developmental concerns" between 2014 and 2017
 (SB = 17%; SCOT = 18.3%)

An annual average of **45.3%** of babies were still being exclusively breastfed at 6-8 weeks, 2015-2018
 (SB = 36.1%; SCOT = 29.7%)

83% of P1 pupils had "no obvious dental decay" in 2017-18
 (SB = 75.1%; SCOT = 70.4%)

80.4% of P1 children had a "healthy weight" in 2017-18
 (SB = 77.8%; SCOT = 76.5%)

(ScotPHO/ Statistics.govscot)

HEALTH²

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

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

5,413 per 100,000 people aged 65+ had 2 or more **emergency hospital admissions** in 2015-17
 (SB = 5,443; SCOT = 5,422)

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

(ScotPHO)



WELLBEING

34% of survey respondents in Tweeddale say they sometimes or often feel lonely or isolated.
 (Scottish Borders = 33%)

81% of survey respondents say they take part in moderate physical 30-minute exercise at least twice a week.
 (Scottish Borders = 78%)

87.2% of Primary 7 pupils took part in "Active Schools" extra-curricular sports in 2017-18
 (SB = 79.5%)

By 54 this was down to **35.3%**
 (SB = 36.7%)

(SBHS 2018/ScotPHO/ SEEMIS)



NEIGHBOURHOOD AND COMMUNITY

The **SIMD Crime Rate** in 2016 was **89** per 10,000 people³
 (SB = 180; SCOT = 312)
 This ranged from 0 in the safest neighbourhood to 298 in the least safe neighbourhood.

(SIMD 2016)

An average rate² of **75.2** per year died or were hospitalised due to a **road traffic accident** between 2015 and 2017
 (SB = 72.6; SCOT = 59.2)

(ScotPHO)

12% of survey respondents said that they feel "a bit" or "very" unsafe walking alone at night
 (SB = 24%)

(SBHS2018)



"Rubbish and litter lying around", "Animal nuisance such as noise or dog fouling" and "Anti-social driving including speeding" are the **top three most-common neighbourhood problems** that are more complained-about by survey respondents in Tweeddale than average for Scottish Borders.

(SBHS2018)



67% of survey respondents said they have difficulty accessing leisure facilities because of where they live
 (SB = 59%)

(SBHS2018)

29% of the people in Tweeddale live within the 10% most access deprived in all of Scotland
 (SB = 27%)

(SIMD 2016)

23% of survey respondents said they have problems accessing public transport due to where they live
 (SB = 28%)

(SBHS 2018)

22% 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 Tweeddale 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 Tweeddale, 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 Tweeddale 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

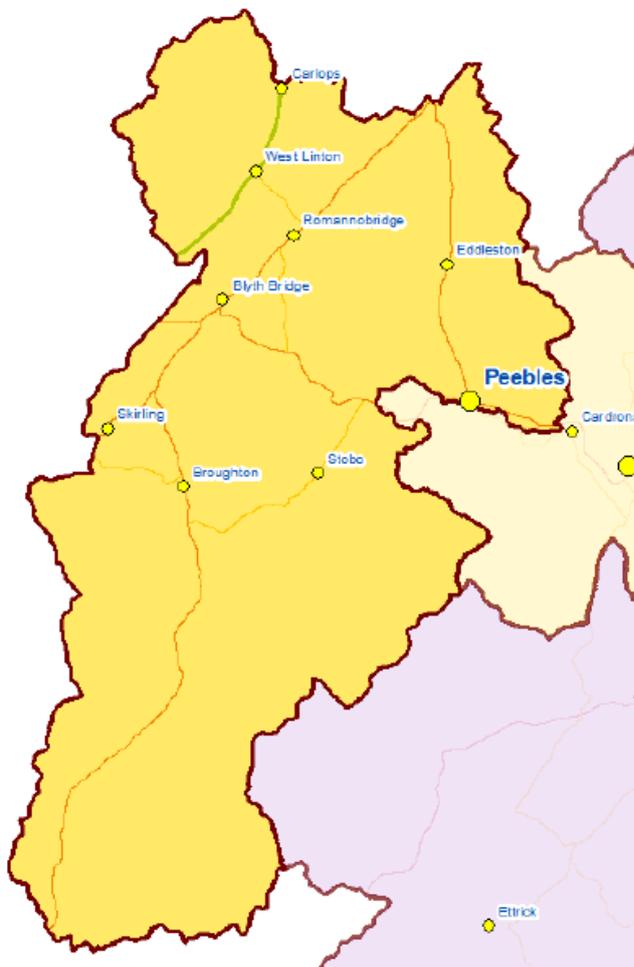
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Tweeddale Wards



Tweeddale West
 Population – 10,408
 Peebles – 8,535
 West Linton – 1,766



Tweeddale East
 Population – 10,918
 Peebles – 8,535
 Innerleithen – 3,141
 Cardrona – 896
 Walkerburn - 695

Economy, Skills & Learning

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

- **To improve and develop transport networks, connections and options - from, to and within Tweeddale**

Other priorities that are important to the Tweeddale community:

- Review the availability and suitability of business premises
- Develop commercial / industrial sites and premises to encourage new business to the area
- To provide an “Enterprise and/or Community Hub” for start-ups and growth of businesses
- Enhance marketing and promotion of the Tweeddale tourism offer
- Improve broadband and mobile coverage
- Develop stronger links with colleges, schools and businesses to create a joint approach to education and upskilling the workforce
- Increase practical skills and knowledge for primary and early secondary school children & young people
- Create a mentoring model within the community to build knowledge, skills and confidence
- Increase training opportunities for local trades

What would success look like, how can we work in partnership to achieve this and how do I get involved?

Health, Care & Wellbeing

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

- **To improve the availability, accessibility and connections to services for people living in rural areas and towns across the Tweeddale area to reduce loneliness and social isolation**

Other priorities that are important to the Tweeddale community:

- Increase the availability of locally based rehabilitation services
- Increase the range of care and support options available (across the locality) to enable people to remain in their own homes and communities
- Increase the range of housing options available across the locality and plan for future housing needs
- Improve support for unpaid carers by providing a wider choice of support and assistance (including social events)
- Develop intergenerational community hubs

What would success look like, how can we work in partnership to achieve this and how do I get involved?

Safer Communities

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

- **Community connections need to be further developed to share information and activities across the Tweeddale Area**

Other priorities that are important to the Tweeddale community:

- Increase support to individuals to help them be active members of their community
- Reduce anti-social behaviour
- Create stronger links to the SBC Community Action Team (with a focus on road safety, speeding and pedestrian access) by increasing awareness of the CAT and how communities can feed into the CAT work programme

What would success look like, how can we work in partnership to achieve this and how do I get involved?

Environment & Place

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

- **Ensure that Tweeddale residents have access to appropriate housing, and the environment is clean and safe**

Other priorities that are important to the Tweeddale community:

- Improve the provision of suitable housing (sheltered, extra care, young people with disabilities) by developing a range of flexible accommodation for communities at every age and stage of life
- Tackle fuel poverty
- Identify opportunities where green space and access to green space can be improved and local access to growing projects can be developed
- De-cluttering and environmental improvement campaigns are undertaken in key streets/areas within Tweeddale locality
- Improve awareness and access to information, support and resources to increase energy efficiency.
- Increase the range of affordable and accessible housing options available across the locality, and plan for future housing needs

What would success look like, how can we work in partnership to achieve this and how do I get involved?

How we will measure success

The Tweeddale 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 Tweeddale

Local Community Action Plans

- Innerleithen
- Newlands
- Peebles
- Tweedsmuir
- Walkerburn

Learning Community Partnership Plans

- Tweeddale Learning Community Partnership Plan

Strategic Action Plans

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

- >list to be drafted<

| TWEEDDALE LOCALITY ACTION PLAN | | | | | |
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| Theme: Economy skills and learning | | | | | |
| Priority | Planned Activity | How will the activity be delivered | Project timeline | Who will deliver the project | Progress |
| To improve and develop transport networks | Be innovative in the provision of rural transport services | Explore options around E-car, E-bike, Tripshare, Community Transport and Social car schemes could be considered. | | Community Councils SBC Passenger Transport | Subsidised bus services delivered to main settlements: Peebles Town Service – 90A/B Peebles – Broughton/Biggar – 91 Peebles – Broughton/West Linton – 93 |
| | Identify transport that is an alternative to 'traditional bus' services. | Proposals are being looked at to provide a taxi service for Clovenfords, walkerburn and Innerleithen. It should be managed locally It will be flexible enough to meet the communities' needs. | | Community Councils SBC Passenger Transport | Trial of the West Linton Taxi/Bus Connection 660 people signed up for the scheme and there were 200 users |
| Review the availability of business premises | Study into the availability and suitability of business property. | South of Scotland Enterprise Project is undertaking a South of Scotland-wide survey | Spring 2020 | South of Scotland Enterprise Project | The Council provides a range of industrial buildings in Peebles and Innerleithen where occupancy rates are high. The private sector provides some modern office space at Cavalry Park |

| Priority | Planned Activity | How will the activity be delivered | Project timeline | Who will deliver the project | Progress |
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| Develop commercial / industrial sites and premises to encourage new business to the area | The Council will identify sites in Peebles, Innerleithen and West Linton in the new Local Development plan which will support and facilitate business development and growth. | The Council will work with South of Scotland Enterprise (SOSEP) to ensure these sites are serviced and available for private sector development and investment. | | SBC Environment and Infrastructure | The Local Development Plan identifies sites in Peebles and West Linton for business development. |
| To provide an “Enterprise Hub” for start-ups and growth of businesses | SOSEP is undertaking a South of Scotland-wide study into the availability and suitability of business property. The study will consider the need for manufacturing and storage uses, as well as office space. It will also consider the needs of businesses at different stages in their growth cycle. | | | SOSEP SBC | Three small office spaces are currently available for business start-ups in the Council’s Rosetta Road office. Only one of these offices is currently occupied. |

| Priority | Planned Activity | How will the activity be delivered | Project timeline | Who will deliver the project | Progress |
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| <p>Improve marketing and promotion of the Tweeddale tourism offer</p> | <p>Work towards the establishment of a Tourism Business Improvement District (TBID) that will help support tourist marketing.</p> | <p>Continued development of the “Scotland Starts Here” by Midlothian and Borders Tourism Action Group (MBTAG)</p> | | <p>Tweed Valley Tourist Consortium</p> | <p>Tweed Valley Tourism BID has been in development for the past 18 months, with a five-year business plan launched in October following extensive consultation with participating tourism businesses.</p> <p>The result of a vote, conducted by Scottish Borders Council, showed that over 80% of voting businesses (from a turnout of 68.4%) supported the initiative. This will allow a levy to be taken from participating businesses over a five-year period to fund investments to improve the area’s tourism product. It is hoped that the £350,000 private investment will be match-funded by the public sector.</p> <p>VisitScotland recently initiated a specific South of Scotland marketing campaign - ‘See South Scotland’. The Scottish Government contributed £500,000 additional funding to support the creation of a campaign that will promote the south of Scotland as a tourism destination to key UK and</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>European markets, focusing on coastal and forest activities in particular.</p> <p>Tweeddale's tourism profile is increased by the marketing and promotion activity that happens in relation to Mountain Biking, Glentress, Innerleithen and the 7stanes brand</p> <p>Key events run by local event organisers also raise the profile of the area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tweedlove - Enduro World Series - Tour O' The Borders - The Mighty Deerstalker |
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| Priority | Planned Activity | How will the activity be delivered | Project timeline | Who will deliver the project | Progress |
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| Improve broadband and mobile coverage | Deliver superfast broadband to all occupied premises by the end of 2021. | The Scottish Government has commenced a new initiative, the R100 programme, in order to deliver superfast broadband by 2021 | 2021 | | The Council has invested £8.4M in the Digital Scotland Superfast Broadband Programme. |
| | The Council is promoting a 4G Infill Programme alongside its partners in the Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal. | | | | The Council has regularly lobbied Governments and the Mobile Network Operators to improve the coverage of mobile phone services and reduce the number of 'not-spots' in the Scottish Borders. It has also lobbied for improved 4G |

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| | | | | | services coverage; these have improved over the last 2 years |
| | As 5G networks start to be delivered in some cities, the Council will continue to lobby for better mobile services across the Scottish Borders, so that rural areas are not 'left behind'. | | | | |
| Develop stronger links with colleges, schools and businesses to create a joint approach to education and upskilling the workforce | Create a physical and digital hub to provide better access to training in health and social care, renewable energy, engineering and construction skills | Secondary Head Teachers are currently developing ideas to further improve the links between schools, colleges and businesses. | | Borders College Secondary Head Teachers Developing the Young Workforce | The 'Developing the Young Workforce' initiative has established stronger links between businesses and schools, including specific school/industry partnerships. |

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| Increase practical skills and knowledge for primary and early secondary school children & young people | Create a Regional Apple Training Centre at Kingsland Primary School for staff as part of the Inspire Learning Programme. | | | SBC | Professional learning for Tweeddale staff in primary school computing science established. |
| | Plan and implement work inspiration/experience programme with Developing Young Workforce Industry Group for young people with additional support needs | | | | Leadership program for pupil Digital Leaders in Peebles HS for Inspire Learning established |
| | Development of the secondary curriculum to meet the needs of the Regional Skills Investment Plan for the South of Scotland. | | | | |

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| Create a mentoring model in schools | Support the community to establish its own mentoring programme tapping into knowledge skill and experience within the community. | | | SBC in partnership with:- | Engaging with families in enhanced family learning opportunities, building capacity & capability (CLD Service), PEEPS Group, Transitions Groups, |
| | | | | | The Bridge provides advice and guidance to community groups to help build knowledge, skills and confidence. |
| | The Chamber of Commerce are considering how to run an expanded programme in future. South of Scotland Enterprise may be able to support this mentoring approach once it becomes operation in April 2020. | | | Chamber of Commerce & South of Scotland Enterprise | Scottish Borders Chamber of Commerce has completed a mentoring programme across the Scottish Borders. The programme was LEADER funded. |
| Increase training opportunities for local trades | Create a network to provide better access to training in health and social care, renewable energy, engineering and construction. | Borders College to create a physical and digital hub network to provide better access to training in health and social care, renewable energy, engineering and construction. | | Borders College | Young people and others seeking to learn a 'trade' are able to access training opportunities through Borders College. |

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| | A project is being created to encourage local trade's people to develop skills in 'low carbon' and 'green energy' systems. | | | | |

Theme: Health Care and Wellbeing

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| To improve the availability, accessibility and connections to services for people living in rural areas and towns across the Tweeddale area to reduce loneliness and social isolation | Continue to define the 'Locality Model', including the use of multi-disciplinary teams Monthly article in the Peebleshire news showcasing different volunteering activities | IJB Strategic Implementation Plan (approved by IJB Sept 2019) | | Chief Officer, Borders Health & Social Care Partnership | Re-design Locality Based Integrated Health & Social Care Teams (Chief Officer, Borders Health & Social Care Partnership) |
| | | | | | Attend Anywhere Project(NHS Borders |
| | Develop ambassador role within Peebles and link this into the wider community. | | | Tweeddale Volunteer Initiative Volunteer Centre Borders | "What Matters Hubs" established in Peebles, Walkerburn& West Linton (Chief Officer, Borders Health & Social Care Partnership) |

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| | Develop local volunteering hub-micro site that can act as a one stop shop& social media presence | | | Tweeddale Volunteer Initiative | |
| | Increase the number of volunteers – showcasing the work of volunteers | Wider marketing and raising awareness in the community eg; via coffee mornings. | | Tweeddale Volunteer Initiative | |

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| Increase the availability of locally based rehabilitation services to reduce hospital stays | <p>September 2019 IJB approved the expansion of Hospital to Home (H2H).</p> <p>A review of services in Tweeddale will be commenced by December 2019.</p> <p>Older People Local area coordination has now been introduced across the whole of the Scottish Borders.</p> <p>6 new weekly sessions introduced in Tweeddale including health circuits, mobility, Guid Fettle, health conditions and gentle movement.</p> | <p>All older clients in the day service are being supported by the Local area coordinator and Link worker attend community based alternatives.</p> | | | <p>Allied Health Professionals (AHP) transformation workstream created to reshape AHP services to support community care (Associate Director of Community & Primary Services, NHS Borders)</p> <p>Third Sector Partners supporting people they work with, encouraging as much independence as possible (Chief Social Work Officer)</p> <p>Transform Day Services (Chief Social Work Officer)</p> <p>Live Borders – Health & Fitness Programme in Tweeddale (Live Borders&Wellbeing Service)</p> <p>MacMillan Movemore (MacMillan)</p> <p>Community Capacity Building Project (Community Capacity Building Team)</p> <p>Food & Friendship Project based at Victoria Park operates every Wednesday.</p> |

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| | | | | | Three gentle exercise groups are well established in West Linton and Innerleithen. |
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| Increase the range of care and support available to enable people to remain in their own homes and communities | September 2019 IJB approved the expansion of Hospital to Home (H2H). | | | | |
| | Older People Local area coordination has now been introduced across the whole of the Scottish Borders. | All older clients in the day service are being supported by the Local area coordinator and Link worker attend community based alternatives. | | | Food & Friendship Project based at Victoria Park operates every Wednesday. |
| | A review of services in Tweeddale will be | Allied Health Professionals (AHP) transformation | | (Associate Director of Community & Primary Services, NHS Borders) | 30 extra care housing is planned for 2022/23 although as yet not site has been acquired. |

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| | commenced by December 2019. | workstream created to reshape AHP services to support community care | | | |
| | 6 new weekly sessions introduced in Tweeddale including health circuits, mobility, Guid Fettle, health conditions and gentle movement. | Third Sector Partners supporting people they work with, encouraging as much independence as possible (Chief Social Work Officer) | | Live Borders MacMillan | |
| | | | | | <p>Ask Sara launched</p> <p><u>AskSARA</u> is an easy-to-use website which available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It shows you equipment and solutions that can make your life easier.</p> <p>It provides advice and guidance that may help you, or someone you care about, with your health, your home or your daily activities.</p> <p>www.scotborders.gov.uk/asksara</p> |
| Increase the range of affordable and accessible housing | New plans have been submitted by Eildon Housing to provide 22 homes providing a | The Local Housing Strategy 2017-22 sets out a vision for the supply, quality and | | | 17 new homes completed at Station Yard in Cardrona |

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| options available across the locality | mixture of flats and houses. | availability of housing in the local area. The LHS is the key planning document, providing a framework of action, investment and partnership-working to deliver these local priorities. | | | |
| | | SBC to continue to work alongside Link Housing Association to promote and maximise publicity and access to low cost home ownership. | | | James Hogg Court in Innerleithen has been acquired which will result in 22 new homes. Recommendations from the Wheelchair Housing Study will be incorporated into the next SHIP document. |
| | | | | | Planning application has been submitted to provide 40 affordable homes at Tweedbridge Court |
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| Develop intergenerational community hubs | | Implementation of the Scottish Borders Mental Health Strategy (General Manager for Mental Health Services NHS Borders) | | | “What Matters Hubs” established in Peebles, Walkerburn & West Linton (Chief Officer, Borders Health & Social Care Partnership) |

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| <p>Improve support for unpaid carers</p> | <p>The Carers Advisory Board has become Carer's First, a forum to engage with carers across the Scottish Borders.</p> | <p>Facilitate transformation through development of community based opportunities (Community Capacity Building Team)</p> | | | <p>There has been a 29% increase in the numbers of carers with a carer's support plan (April 18 to June 19)</p> | |
| | | <p>Living Well in the Scottish Borders Plan is currently being published</p> | | | | |
| | | <p>First Aid training tailored for young carers</p> | | | | |

| Theme: Safer Communities | | | | | |
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| Priority | Planned Activity | How will the activity be delivered | Project timeline | Who will deliver the project | Progress |
| Community connections need to be further developed to share information and activities across the Tweeddale Area | | Information of activities and groups to be shared via; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red Cross directory of activities in the Tweeddale Area • Tweeddale volunteers hosting events throughout the year • What Matters Hubs taking place in Peebles, Walkerburn and West Linton | | Red Cross Tweeddale Learning Community Partnership | |

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| | | Tweeddale Learning Community Partnership Bulletin sent to partners monthly with updates on activities and learning news in the locality | | | |
| Increase support to individuals to help them be active members of their community | | | | Tweeddale Volunteers SBC Mens Shed | Tweeddale Volunteers hosting events What Matter's Hubs Peebles & District Men's Shed open 7 days per week |
| Reduce anti-social behaviour and improve street lighting and signage | Community Action Team to be recruited. | Increased investment of £256k has enabled a second Community Action Team to be recruited. Both CAT's will continue to respond to local need and demand within the Tweeddale Area | | Mens Shed | Peebles & District Men's Shed open 7 days per week |

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| <p>Create stronger links to the SBC Community Action Team (with a particular focus on road safety) by increasing awareness of the CAT and how communities can feed into the CAT work programme</p> | <p>Communities will be encouraged to use their Community Policing Teams as the first point of contact</p> | <p>A member/Officer Oversight Group meet monthly to agree specific tasks to be undertaken. The basis of this work is an analytical assessment prepared by the Partnership Analyst followed by Elected Member representatives highlighting specific constituency matters to be included in the tasking process. Not all tasks fall to the CAT, some are directed to the Community Policing Teams or other specialist services. Relevant support is also secured from the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service</p> | | | <p>In 2018/19, the seven-strong CAT carried out:</p> <p>Almost 300 drug searches on people and premises</p> <p>Issued nearly 900 parking tickets</p> <p>Took part in more than 100 static road checks Conducted over 900 hours of high visibility foot and mobile patrols</p> |
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| | <p>The Safer Communities Team currently coordinate the activity of the Council funded Community Action Team (CAT).</p> | | | | <p>TASKING DURING PERIOD</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kingsmeadow car park, issue with antisocial driving. 2. Youth alcohol issues in Peebles town centre. <p><u>Evidence impact</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Young drivers who frequent the car park have been spoken to by CAT officers. Incident numbers are low. 2. Patrols carried out at the end of September when the problem was identified. Tasking will continue into October but incident volume has reduced. |
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| Theme: Environment and Place | | | | | |
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| Priority | Planned Activity | How will the activity be delivered | Project timeline | Who will deliver the project | Progress |
| Ensure that Tweeddale residents have access to appropriate and affordable housing, and the environment is clean and safe | Develop a range of flexible accommodation for communities at every age and stage of life | The Local Housing Strategy 2017-22 sets out a vision for the supply, quality and availability of housing in the local area. The LHS is the key planning document, providing a framework of action, investment and partnership-working to deliver these local priorities. | | | 17 affordable homes have been completed at Station Yard in Cardrona and 22 affordable homes are planned for delivery at Tweedbridge Court in Peebles. |
| | Incorporate the Wheelchair Housing Study into the next Strategic Housing Document | | | | |
| Improve the provision of suitable local housing | | | | | |

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| (sheltered, extra care, for those with disabilities, care homes etc) by developing a range of flexible accommodation for communities at every age and stage of life | | | | | |
| Tackle fuel poverty | | | | Changeworks Home energy Scheme | |
| Identify opportunities where green space and access to green space can be improved and local access to growing projects can be developed | | SBC Growing Strategy | | Carol Cooke | 9 community garden groups; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tweedgreen Secret Garden • The Glebe Project • The Courthouse • Peebles CAN • Railway Path Group • Peebles Path Group • Bonnie Peebles • St Ronans Wells Garden • The Edible Garden |
| De-cluttering and environmental improvement campaigns are undertaken in key streets/areas within Tweeddale locality | | | | | Esheils Community Recycling Centre (CRC) - In addition to the recycling opportunities provided by the SBC there is a reuse cabin on site which is managed by You Can Cook, Just Cycles and Home Basics. Members of the public can leave furniture, |

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| | | | | | household items, tools and bikes there for redistribution by these local organisations. |
| Improve awareness and access to information, support and resources to increase energy efficiency. | | | | | |

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Tweeddale Interim Community Fund 2019-20 . Opening fund £178,553

Outstanding amount available £113,061 at end of December 2019

Community Fund awarded to date

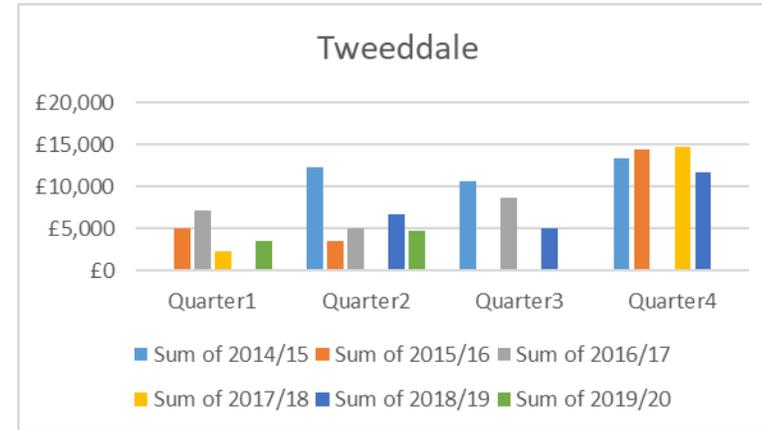
| Group name | Amount | Locality Plan theme |
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| Tweedlove Festival | £4,500 | Health, Care & Wellbeing |
| WBPC | £275 | Environment & Place |
| Tweedsmuir Community Company | £6,795 | Environment & Place |
| Peebles Lawn Tennis club | £500 | Health, Care & Wellbeing |
| Upper Tweed Community Council | £1,600 | Health, Care & Wellbeing |
| Tweeddale Rovers | £5,000 | Health, Care & Wellbeing |
| Total awarded | £28,690 | |

To be decided at Area Partnership

| Group name | Amount | Locality Plan theme |
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| The Bridge | £10,000 | Health Care & Wellbeing |
| Innerleithen Community Trust | £5,427 | Quality of Life |
| Total to be decided | £15,427 | |

Applications awaiting assessment

| Group name | Amount | Locality Plan theme |
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| Schools Out Peebles | £1,500 | Economy & Skills |
| Total awaiting assessment | £1,500 | |



Tweeddale Annual Community Grant spend by Quarter

| | Quarter 1 | Quarter 2 | Quarter 3 | Quarter 4 | Totals |
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| Sum of 2014/15 | £0 | £12,372 | £10,570 | £13,315 | £36,257 |
| Sum of 2015/16 | £5,000 | £3,482 | £0 | £14,452 | £22,934 |
| Sum of 2016/17 | £7,232 | £5,000 | £8,662 | £0 | £20,894 |
| Sum of 2017/18 | £2,286 | £0 | £0 | £14,795 | £17,081 |
| Sum of 2018/19 | £0 | £6,632 | £4,988 | £11,625 | £23,245 |
| Sum of 2019/20 | £3,565 | £4,775 | £0 | £0 | £8,340 |

for further information on Community Grants go to www.scotborders.gov.uk/communitygrants

Email: communitygrants@scotborders.gov.uk

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Tweeddale Interim Community Fund 2019-20

Ring-fenced commitments

December 2019

| Community Council commitments | Value |
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| Carlops | £540 |
| Clovenfords and District | £630 |
| Eddleston and District | £630 |
| Innerleithen and District | £990 |
| Lamancha, Newlands and Kirkurd | £630 |
| Manor, Stobo and Lyne | £540 |
| Peebles and District | £1,365 |
| Skirling | £540 |
| Tweedsmuir | £540 |
| Upper Tweed | £630 |
| Walkerburn and District | £630 |
| West Linton | £990 |
| Total | £8,655 |

| Peeblesshire Federation of Village Halls | Value |
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| Includes: Broughton, Cardrona, Carlops Drumelzier, Eddleston, Lamancha and District Manor, Netherurd, Newlands, Skirling, Stobo Traquair, Tweedsmuir, Walkerburn | £8,184 |

Local Festival Grants

| | Allocated £ | Awarded £ |
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| Eddleston | £375.00 | £375.00 |
| Innerleithen | £2,750.00 | £2,750.00 |
| Peebles | £6,500.00 | £6,500.00 |
| Walkerburn | £500.00 | £0.00 |
| West Linton | £3,300.00 | £3,300.00 |
| Total | £13,425.00 | £12,925.00 |

Tweeddale - other sources of grant funding

| Grant type | Available | Awarded | Remaining |
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| SBC Small schemes | | | |
| Common Good, Innerleithen | £0 | £0 | £0 |
| Common Good, Peebles | £29,500 | £16,080 | £13,420 |
| SBC Enhancement Grant | £319 | £0 | £319 |
| SBC Welfare Grant | £4,157 | £0 | £4,157 |

For information on grants available from SBC
www.scotborders.gov.uk/communitygrants
Email : communitygrants@scotborders.gov.uk

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2019/2020 Community Fund: Interim Assessment Form

Locality: Tweeddale

Ref. No.: CF190 –TW –The Bridge

Organisation Name: Tweed Wheels, The Bridge

Funding Requested: £10,000

| ABOUT THE GROUP | | | |
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| Organisation Structure | Company Limited by Guarantee | | |
| Annual Accounts Balance | £92,439.80 as of 30 th September 2019 | | |
| Are any funds ring-fenced, if so why & how much? £88,517 as restricted funds in line with their reserves policy, this will allow the company to sustain for a period of 3 months if all other funding sources were terminated. | | | |
| Has the applicant successfully applied for SBC funding within the last three years? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | | | |
| Fund | Financial Year | Amount (£) | What used for? |
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| ABOUT THE PROJECT | |
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| Project Brief | The Bridge are looking to purchase a replacement mini bus as the existing vehicle is 9 years old and needs replaced. |
| Project Start Date: DD/MM/YY | Tweed Wheels has been providing an accessible community transport service for the people of Tweeddale for over 21 years. The service supports some of the most vulnerable and disadvantaged people in the community, through age, ill health, frailty or disability - including those with learning disabilities, who are unable to access other modes of transport. |
| Total Expenditure (£) | £41,697 Page 53 |

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| Community Fund Request (£) | £10,000 | |
| 10% Match-funding | £1,697 | |
| Any Other Contribution? | | |
| Other Funding Sources | Amount (£) | At what stage? |
| | £10,000 | The Clothworkers Foundation – Application Pending – Spring 2020 |
| | £10,000 | The Robertson Trust – Application Pending – Spring 2020 |
| | £10,000 | The National Lottery – Application Pending – spring 2020 |
| 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 | |
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| <p>What need/demand has been evidenced for this project/activity?</p> | <p>The current bus is 9 years old and will be decommissioned. There is no re-sale value in parts currently and any parts that can be used as part of the new customized bus will be used.</p> <p>In the 12 month period ending April 2019, the Tweed Wheels mini bus was used for 4,927 passenger trips. Older people have represented over 35% of these journeys. Other community groups have used the bus including; community youth organisations, groups with learning disabilities and other community groups such as churches and sports clubs.</p> <p>'We have been using the Tweed Wheels minibus for trips away for several years now and many of these trips would not have been possible without it. Young people in rural communities like Tweeddale often lack the opportunities that their peers in cities and towns with cheaper and more regular public transport connections have, and having access to a minibus allows us to offer opportunities and experiences that would not otherwise be possible'.</p> |

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| | <p>The new bus will replace the existing mini bus that is ageing and in need of repair. The new bus will be fully accessible with a chair lift and removable seats which will mean that there will be space to accommodate additional wheelchairs by removing seats. In retaining a mini bus The Bridge will continue to be able to provide a service and accommodate the large numbers that are currently accessing transport</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>The service supports a wide variety of people and members of the community in Tweeddale. Accessing a bus has greatly improved older people quality of life; in providing them with the opportunity to make essential appointments as well as to maintain a social presence in their communities. It also allows the opportunity for a wide range of community groups to enjoy trips away.</p> <p>The bus allows those in rural communities who may be isolated due to lack of affordable and accessible public transport to still be connected.</p> <p>The bus is used for wider community benefit for both health reasons as well as encouraging varied social experiences. The bus can also be used to attend health and social care appointments, both locally and further afield with the nearest hospital being over 20 miles away.</p> <p>The Bridge offer regular shopping trips where passengers can attend to their banking needs and are able to collect regular prescriptions.</p> <p>The vehicles will be accessible and wheel chair user friendly.</p> |
| <p>What support and involvement of the wider community is there for this project/activity?</p> | <p>Support for the service is evidenced by the on-going demand. Some journeys are unable to be met due to lack of capacity.</p> <p>Local organisations, such as the Pensioners Association, Riverside House Sheltered Housing, Peebles Nursing Home, Interest Link, Tweeddale Youth Action depend on Tweed Wheels for transport and use the service regularly.</p> <p>There is also the opportunity for members of the community to volunteer as drivers. All volunteers are PVG checked and MiDAS trained.</p> |
| <p>What efforts have been made by the applicant to secure other sources of funding for the project/activity?</p> | <p>Additional funding has been sought and the Bridge are currently fundraising.</p> |

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| | The business model means that operating costs for the bus will be covered via the funds made at the Tweeddale Thrift Shop in Innerleithen. Also for any groups that wish to use the bus they are required to be a member of The Bridge at a £15 annual membership. |
| What happens at the end of the project/activity or when the funding is spent? | The bus will remain operational and will continue to be maintained and serviced by The Bridge. Running costs will also be met by The Bridge. |
| Quotes received for items of expenditure | Quote received from Minibus Options |
| Have appropriate permissions been sought/granted? | N/A |

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| SBC OFFICER RECOMMENDATION | |
| <p>Recommend to approve to the value of £10,000</p> <p>This application meets the criteria of the Tweeddale Community Fund</p> <p><i>Additional Terms and Conditions:</i> Award will only be made when the match funding of £30,000 as detailed above is confirmed</p> | |

2019/2020 Community Fund: Interim Assessment Form

Locality: Tweeddale

Ref. No.: CF1920-TW-8

Organisation Name: Innerleithen Community Trust

Funding Requested: £5,427

| ABOUT THE GROUP | | | |
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| Organisation Structure | Constituted | | |
| Annual Accounts Balance | £25,811 | | |
| Are any funds ring-fenced, if so why & how much? Some of the unrestricted funds are in the form of assets (woodland) | | | |
| Has the applicant applied for SBC funding within the last three years? | | | |
| Fund | Financial Year | Amount (£) | What was this used for? |
| Community Grant Scheme | 2016-17 | £1,620 | Queen birthday celebration event |
| | 2017 | £1,200 | Paths Maintenance |
| | 2018 | £1,487 | Paths Maintenance |
| Quality of Life | 2019 | £1,500 | Sluice Restoration |

| ABOUT THE PROJECT | |
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| Project Brief: | Replacement stacking seating for Innerleithen Memorial Hall |
| Project Start Date: | Jan 2020 |
| Total Expenditure (£) | £6,030 |
| Community Fund Request (£) | £5,427 |
| 10% Match-funding | The 10% match funding requirement (£603), will be provided by Innerleithen Community Trust |
| Any Other Contribution? | |
| Other Funding Sources | Amount (£) At what stage? |

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| Community Fund Outcomes | <input type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to better quality local services or activities <input checked="" 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 | |
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| What need/demand has been evidenced for this project/activity? | The existing seating within the Auditorium in Innerleithen Memorial Hall is almost 50 years old, difficult to stack and store safely and is no longer fit for purpose |
| What benefits will be gained from the project/activity and how well does the project/activity meet the outcomes of the scheme? | 168 new seats and 6 trollies will enable and provide an improved experience and help increase use of this community facility. A stacking system will mean that seating is easier to move safely and therefore more accessible to all users. It will allow the seats to be portable and accessible to other groups |
| What support and involvement of the wider community is there for this project/activity? | There are a wide variety of organisations, businesses and individuals that use the Memorial Hall. There are large events taking place in the hall each month along with a wide range of community usage. The hall is in regularly throughout the week and is used for a variety of diverse purposes. These include theatrical performances, concerts, community functions, meetings, weddings and funerals |
| What efforts have been made by the applicant to secure other sources of funding for the project/activity? | Other Hall Users Group will cover VAT. No other funders have been approached to fund this project. Innerleithen Community Trust will provide 10% of total cost. |
| What happens at the end of the project/activity or when the funding is spent? | <p>The Auditorium will have enhanced seating for the ongoing future and will not require further funding.</p> <p>This project is part of a wider programme of Hall improvements being undertaken in partnership between Live Borders, Scottish Borders Council and the Memorial Hall Support Group.</p> <p>The Memorial Hall Support Group, of which Innerleithen Community Trust is part, includes representatives from seven main user-groups, individual hirers and the community council. The user groups represent a wide section of the community and a very large number of people. This partnership group will continue to maintain the Memorial Hall to a high standard.</p> |

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| Quotes received for items of expenditure | Yes |
| Have appropriate permissions been sought/granted? | Yes |

SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT

This application meets the criteria of the Scottish Borders Council Community Fund

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Scottish Borders Council Participation Requests Annual Report 2018/19

| Participation request – summary information | | | | | | |
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| Community participation body | Description of participation request | Validation date | Outcome | Date Outcome Improvement Process started | Was there a change to the public service | Summary of change to public service |
| Eyemouth & District Community Trust | Improve community participation in the economic regeneration of Eyemouth. | 10/05/18 | Agreed | 15/08/18 | Process ongoing | |
| Eyemouth Community Council | Improve community participation in the economic regeneration of Eyemouth. | 03/08/18 | Agreed | 15/08/18 | Process ongoing | |
| Eyemouth Community Council | Maintenance of grassed areas in Eyemouth | 10/01/19 | Agreed | 25/02/19 | Process ongoing | |
| Selkirk Regeneration Company | Improve administration of Selkirk Common Good Fund | 21/02/19 | Refused | | | |
| Scottish Borders Community Councils' Network | Improve the outcome of the Localities Bid Fund selection process, to ensure that all worthwhile applications are taken forward to the public vote and participation is embedded throughout the process | 01/03/19 | Refused | | | |

| Summary Information | |
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| Reporting period – start | 01/04/18 |
| Reporting period - end | 31/03/19 |
| Total number of participation requests received | 5 |
| Number agreed | 3 |
| Number refused | 2 |
| Number of participation requests resulting in a change to the public service | Processes ongoing |

Summary Information for Annual Report

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| Reporting period - start | 01/04/2018 |
| Reporting period - end | 31/03/2019 |
| Total number of asset transfer requests received | 7 |
| Number agreed | 3 |
| Number refused | 0 |
| Number resulting in: | |
| a transfer of ownership of land to a community transfer body | 0 |
| a lease of land to such a body | 3 |
| rights in respect of land being conferred on such a body | 0 |
| Number of appeals under section 85 relating to such requests made to the relevant authority: | |
| Allowed | 0 |
| Dismissed | 0 |
| Resulted in any part of the decision of the authority being varied or reversed | 0 |
| In relation to a decision of the relevant authority reviewed under section 86 or 87, the number of such decisions that have been: | |
| Confirmed | 0 |
| Modified | 0 |
| Substituted by a different decision | 0 |
| Total Area Transferred (ha) | 0 |

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