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Teviot & Liddesdale Area Partnership



Meeting

Date: Tuesday, 20 February 2024

Time: 6.00 pm

Location: Microsoft Teams

AGENDA

| 1. | Welcome | | | |
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| 2. | Feedback from the Meeting on 7 November 2023 (Pages 3 - 6) | | | |
| | Consider Minute of the Meeting held on 7 November 2023 for approval and signature by the Chair. (Copy attached.) | | | |
| | Section 1: Service and Partner Updates | | | |
| 3. | Youth Voice and Scottish Youth Parliament | | | |
| | Introduction to the newly elected members of Scottish Youth Parliament – Pam Rigby, Youth Engagement Worker. | | | |
| 4. | Police Scotland Update | | | |
| | Section 2: Community Empowerment and Community Funding | | | |
| 5. | Teviot and Liddesdale Funding Table 2023-24 (Pages 7 - 8) | | | |
| | Overview from SBC Communities and Partnership Team. (Copy attached.) | | | |
| 6. | Neighbourhood Support Fund (Pages 9 - 14) NSF Pot A recommendations | | | |
| | Southdean Community Council, Pot A: | | | |
| | a) Southdean Village Hall – request for relocation of underspend on grants; | | | |
| | 2021-22 Community Fund – Underspend of £348.82 2022-23 Neighbourhood Support Fund – Underspend of £413.23 | | | |
| | b) Southdean Village Hall, Pot A application | | | |
| | Neighbourhood Support Fund – Pot B Fund | | | |
| | a) Hawick Development Trust – Teri Bikes b) Hawick Reivers Association c) Home Basics d) Notification – Burnfoot Community Futures – Retraction of 2022-23 Pot B award | | | |

| | (Copy attached.) | | | | |
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| 7. | Neighbourhood Support Fund - Any Other Business | | | | |
| | Section 3: Local Priorities | | | | |
| 8. | Place Making in Hawick | | | | |
| | Update on Place Making progress in Hawick – Paul Hogarth, The Paul Hogarth Company and Hawick Town Team representatives. | | | | |
| 9. | Community Council Update | | | | |
| | Section 4: Other | | | | |
| 10. | Additional Information Document (Pages 15 - 20) | | | | |
| | (Copy attached.) | | | | |
| 11. | Next Meeting of the Teviot and Liddesdale Area Partnership | | | | |
| | Next meeting to be held on 26 March 2024. | | | | |
| 12. | Any Other Business | | | | |
| | Community Conversations feedback – Cllr Ramage. | | | | |

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SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL TEVIOT AND LIDDESDALE AREA PARTNERSHIP

MINUTES of Meeting of the TEVIOT AND LIDDESDALE AREA PARTNERSHIP held Via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday, 7 November 2023 at 6.00 pm

Present:- Councillors C. Ramage (Chair), W. McAteer, N. Richards and A. Smart

together with 14 Community Councillors and Members of the Public.

Apologies:- Councillors J. Cox, and S. Marshall.

In Attendance:- Community Co-ordinator (G. Jardine), Community Engagement Officer (S.

Culverwell), and Democratic Services Team Leader (D. Hall)

WELCOME

The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting of the Teviot and Liddesdale Area Partnership.

2. FEEDBACK FROM MEETING OF 4 OCTOBER 2023

There had been circulated the Minute of the meeting held on 4 October 2023. The Chair confirmed that there were no actions to be taken forward from the previous meeting.

DECISION

AGREED to approve the Minutes for signature by the Chair.

3. **POLICE SCOTLAND UPDATE**

- 3.1 The Chair introduced Chief Inspector Stuart Fletcher, who had recently taken over as the Local Area Commander for the Scottish Borders. Chief Inspector Fletcher explained that he had 25 years working in the Police force across the Scottish Borders and Edinburgh. Particular focus of his work had ben on working in partnership with communities on quality-of-life issues. Chief Inspector Fletcher confirmed that he was committed to being visible in the community, and that he would be spending 2 days per week at Hawick Police station. The Chair thanked Chief Inspector Fletcher for his introduction and wished him well in his new role.
- The Chair invited Inspector Robbie Noble to provide an update. Inspector Noble outlined 3.2 the Scottish Borders Police resource structure, drawing particular attention to the Community Policing elements such as the 6 School Link Officers, 11 Community Beat Officers and 12 Community Action Team Officers. Hawick High School had one School Link Officer who worked in the area and worked across all of the local feeder schools. Additional support for Burnfoot came from the officer working in Selkirk. The work of those officers was focused on education and developing positive relationships with young people. Police Scotland had assumed a central role in trying to resolve issues regarding anti-social behaviour and violence amongst young people. Inspector Noble highlighted that the CAT officers were active in Teviot and Liddesdale. The Chair expressed thanks for the update and the organisational chart which had been displayed. Inspector Noble confirmed that discussions were ongoing regarding the resourcing of the Common Riding, in response to a question regarding wind farm delivery loads, Inspector Noble explained that because the operation is being undertaken by private companies, Police Scotland were notified of the movements and assisted in such deliveries.

DECISION NOTED.

4. BORDERS COMMUNITY ACTION PRAFT STRATEGY - FIONA BENTON

The Chair explained that this item had been withdrawn. Attendees were encouraged to have their say on the draft strategy online.

DECISION NOTED.

5. NHS - TIME FOR CHANGE INPUT

- 5.1 Ralph Roberts, Chief Executive NHS Borders delivered a short presentation, the slides for which had been circulated with the agenda. This was to be the first of the five Area Partnership sessions to present 'Time For Change' a wide ranging conversation with communities to consider the range of NHS services in the Scottish Borders and to feed into a refresh of NHS Borders Medium Term Plan. The scale of challenges in planning and delivering health services to meet need were unprecedented; significant workforce challenges allied with a smaller working age population (45% vs 65% nationally), over a large rural area and a growing financial deficit. Under the four suggested discussion headings: Services In the Community; Community Bed Based Services; Acute Hospital Services; and Mental Health Services there had been an audit of provision, public feedback, achievements and areas of focus. The input from the public would form the basis of the medium-term plan for the NHS. The Chair highlighted the considerable budget difficulties faced by the Health Service. In response to a question regarding patients being sent out of area for treatment, Mr Roberts explained that the rate charged to NHS Borders in such a scenario would depend on where the patient was sent for treatment. NHS Borders was assigned a proportion of certain budgets, and usage above that would then incur charges. Mr Roberts stressed sending patients for treatment out of area, with a view to providing more equitable care, would likely form part of the considerations on the future operating model.
 - 5.2 In response to a question regarding how well the region was adopting technology to tackle the challenges that if faced in providing healthcare, Mr Roberts explained that there was no one size fits all way of implementing technology to solve problems. The use of technology to deliver services in rural areas had the potential to make a large impact, however considerable investment in digital resources would be required to ensure that they were effective. It was agreed that the timetable for community engagement session would be shared with the attendees. The Chair confirmed that a session would be held on Wednesday 15th of December from 2 pm to 6.30 pm at the Heart of Hawick. Attendees highlighted that staff wellbeing had to be taken into account. The Chair thanked Mr Roberts and his colleagues for their attendance.

DECISION NOTED

6. TEVIOT AND LIDDESDALE FUNDING TABLE 2023/24

There had been circulated copies of the Teviot and Liddesdale Funding Table 2023/24 with the agenda. The Community engagement Officer, Ms Sarah Culverwell, outlined that £86k of the budget of £132k had been awarded through different schemes. Ms Culverwell encouraged any potential applicants to submit an application as soon as possible to ensure that it could be considered before the end of the financial year.

DECISION NOTED.

7. **NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT FUND - POT A FUND**

Hawick's Men Shed had applied for £1.3k as part of a project to replace their computers. The funding applied for would allow them to purchase 2 laptops; one printer and ink;2 a desktop computer; and computer monitor. The total value of the application was £1362.62. Ms Culverwell explained that the Assessment Panel had not been able to prepare a recommendation due to time constraints. Councillor Ramage, seconded by

Councillor McAteer, proposed that the applicant be approved in full which was unanimously approved.

DECISION

AGREED to approve the application for £1362.62 from Hawick Men's Shed.

8. INVOLVING YOUNG PEOPLE IN NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT FUND PANEL MEETINGS

There was a discussion regarding involving young people in Neighbourhood Support Fund Panel meetings as well as wider discussions on Place Making. Other localities were also trying to involve young people in the decision-making process. Mr Kerr highlighted that Southdean were working hard to get young people involved, however challenges remained. It was highlighted that attendees could liaise with the Mr Corrie Patterson, a youth representative on the Children and Young Peoples Planning Partnership for help in boosting the involvement of young people. The Community Co-ordinator, Ms Gillian Jardine, undertook to check the criteria to be able to join the Assessment Panel, but suggested that there was no restriction regarding the age.

DECISION NOTED.

9. UPDATE ON PLACE MAKING PROGRESS

The Chair welcomed Mr Gordie Campbell, from the newly formed Denholm and District Place Making Team. Mr Campbell explained that the group had been formed 2 months previous, and that work had been focused on involving the smaller hamlets in the area. The core of the group was composed of the local community, the community council, the householder's council and other smaller organisations such as the horticultural society and the Village Hall. Work was ongoing to set up a database of contacts and building capacity in the area. The Group was in the process of understanding Place Making by studying other Place Plans and how different groups had operated. Mr Campbell highlighted that the Denholm area faced unique challenges due to its rural character, and that work was ongoing to overcome those challenges. The Chair highlighted that Hawick's town team was continuing to undertake work as part of Place Making.

DECISION NOTED.

10. **COMMUNITY COUNCIL UPDATE**

Hobkirk's survey had gone live, and Mr Kerr confirmed that he was happy to help analyse the results and provide feedback. Mr Kerr requested that an update on a potential meeting with Scottish Borders Council officers on windfarms. Ms Culverwell confirmed that she was following up on the request and would provide an update on a potential date as soon as one was available.

DECISION NOTED.

11. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION DOCUMENT

Copies of the additional information document had been circulated with the agenda.

DECISION NOTED.

12. DATE OF NEXT AREA PARTNERSHIP MEETING - 20 FEBRUARY 2024

Councillor McAteer highlighted that a meeting of the Executive Committee on Tuesday, 14 November would consider a report on the Review of Financial Support to Community Councils. It was agreed that officers would explore whether dates for an additional meeting to be held prior to the end of the financial year to consider any outstanding

Neighbourhood Support Fund applications. The Chair highlighted that an age specific Community Conversations event had been at Hawick High School.

DECISION NOTED.

The meeting concluded at 7.30 pm

Teviot and Liddesdale Funding 2023/24

1 February 2024

| | Neighbourhood Support Fund (NSF) 2023/24 | | | | | |
|---------------|--|--------|------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| | | | £ | | | |
| | Opening balance as of 01/04/2023 | £ | 42,465.00 | | | |
| | Plus NSF (Pot A) Underspend 2022/23 | £ | 11,354.47 | | | |
| | Plus NSF (Pot B) Underspend 2022/23 | £ | 3,425.64 | | | |
| T T | Total conflict to | | | | | |
| 9 | Total available | £ | 57,245.11 | | | |
| Les | ss: | £ | 57,245.11 | | | |
| o Le: V | NSF applications awarded since 01/04/2023 | £ | 9,877.17 | | | |
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| Q Les | NSF applications awarded since 01/04/2023 NSF applications that are assessed and await decision | £ £ | 9,877.17 19,779.92 | | | |
| CoLes | NSF applications awarded since 01/04/2023 NSF applications that are assessed and await decision Sub-total Funds remaining if assessed | £ £ | 9,877.17 19,779.92 29,657.09 | | | |

| Other sources of grant funding - Teviot and Liddesdale | | | | | | |
|---|-------------|--------------|------------|--|--|--|
| Grant Type | Available | Awarded | Remaining | | | |
| Local Festival Grants | £ 12,550.00 | £ 12,050.00 | £ 500.00 | | | |
| Annual Support Grants (Community Councils) | £ 6,370.00 | £ 5,200.00 | £ 1,170.00 | | | |
| SBC Small Schemes - Hawick & Hermitage | £ 42,448.00 | £ 42,448.00 | £ - | | | |
| SBC Small Schemes - Hawick & Denholm | £ 33,243.00 | £ 33,243.00 | £ - | | | |
| Common Good - Hawick, Denholm & Hermitage (Origional budget increased) | £ 53,701.00 | £ 53,701.00 | £ - | | | |
| SBC Enhancement Trust | £ 2,463.54 | £ 2,382.54 | £ 81.00 | | | |
| SBC Welfare Trust | £ 2,621.63 | £ 459.00 | £ 2,162.63 | | | |
| | £153,397.17 | £ 149,483.54 | £ 3,913.63 | | | |

| | Summary of applications | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|-------------------------|------|---------------------------------------|------------|-----|---|-----------|--|
| No. | Date | Fund | Organisation Name | Amount | Pot | Project | Status | |
| 1 | 21/03/2023 | NSF | Eskdale Pony Club | £ 282.11 | Α | Hawick Games Rally | Awarded | |
| 2 | 27/04/2023 | NSF | Future Hawick | £ 995.00 | Α | Hawick welcome hosts | Awarded | |
| 3 | 20/06/2023 | NSF | Southdean Village Hall | £ 800.06 | Α | Southdean Craft Nights | Awarded | |
| 4 | 01/08/2023 | NSF | Burnfoot Community Futures | £ 1,500.00 | Α | Burnfoot Projects | Awarded | |
| 5 | 04/08/2023 | NSF | Interest Link | £ 4,500.00 | В | T&L Learning disabilities befriending project | Awarded | |
| 6 | 28/08/2023 | NSF | Hawick Boxing Club | £ 500.00 | Α | Hawick Boxing Club | Awarded | |
| 7 | 22/09/2023 | NSF | Hawick Men's Shed | £ 1,300.00 | Α | Replacement of computers | Awarded | |
| 8 | 22/11/2023 | NSF | Home Basics | £ 5,000.00 | В | Collection/delivery van | Assessed | |
| 9 | 22/12/2023 | NSF | Hawick Development Trust (Teri Bikes) | £ 4,997.99 | В | Teri Bikes - Ebike Hire Scheme | Assessed | |
| 10 | 01/07/2024 | NSF | Hawick Events Forum | £ 300.00 | Α | Thats Entertainment 6 - Hall Hire | Assessing | |
| 11 | 08/01/2024 | NSF | Southdean Village Hall | £ 1,411.93 | Α | Ruletownhead Defibrillator | Assessed | |
| 12 | 09/01/2024 | NSF | William Laidlaw Memorial Hall | £ 6,370.00 | Α | Stage Lighting Replacement | Assessed | |
| 13 | 11/01/2024 | NSF | Hawick Reivers Association | £ 2,000.00 | В | New website design & creation | Assessed | |
| Total £ 29,957.09 | | | | | | | | |

Neighbourhood Support Fund Panel Recommendations For consideration at the Teviot & Liddesdale Area Partnership on 20 February 2024

Pot A applications

Southdean Village Hall
 Request for use of underspend on previous grants

Southdean Village Hall
 Southdean, Pot A fund

William Laidlaw Memorial Hall
 Hobkirk Pot A fund

Southdean Village Hall: Request for use of underspend on 21/22 Community Fund, Southdean Pot A award.

CF2122A-T&L-02 - 21/22 Community Fund , Southdean CC Pot A fund – Awarded £2159.52 for media equipment. Request for the use of underspend of £348.82

SVH purchased media equipment, including an Ipad, Apple Tv, Bose Sound system, protective cases and 2 years of Broadband. Southdean Village Hall have provided the evaluation, including receipts for the grant and grant spend.

Southdean Village Hall spent £1,810.70 of the grant, leaving an unspent balance of £348.82.

Southdean Village Hall have requested that the underspend of £348.82 be put towards broadband costs, at £28.74 per month (equivalent of 12.13 months).

Southdean Village Hall: Request for use of underspend on 22/23 Neighbourhood Support Fund, Southdean Pot A award.

CFA00000, NSF 22/23 - Southdean CC Pot A fund – Awarded £3685.93 for a new heating system at Southdean Village Hall heating. Request for the use of underspend of £413.23

Southdean Village Hall have spent £3,272.70 of the grant, leaving an unspent balance of £413.23.

Southdean Village Hall have requested that the underspend is put towards electricity costs for the hall, which has risen from £53 to £193 per month.

Panel recommendation - 30.1.2024

Pot A panel members Philip Kerr Emily Douglas Adam Davies

Southdean CC has had online communication to address the variations, triggered by the underspend to previous grants. All three members of Pot A unanimously approve the suggested variations to these previous grants.

Southdean, Pot A panel recommendation – Southdean Village Hall

Application filed by Southdean Village Hall for a defibrillator to be located at Ruletownhead for £1,411.93.

The Panel met at 1830 on January 25th at Westerhouse's. In attendance, Philip Kerr, Emily Douglas, and Adam Davies.

The application was recommended for approval unanimously for the full amount requested which was constrained by the remaining money in the Southdean, Pot A fund (£1411.93). The rest of the funding is being sourced from elsewhere.

A score of 18 was given with a multiplier of 27. This meets a clear unmet need for the community and should be approved.

(Recommendation provided by Philip Kerr, Southdean Community Council.)

Hobkirk, Pot A panel recommendation – William Laidlaw Memorial Hall

Minutes of the Hobkirk CC for the Pot A assessment Panel held in person on the 23/1/24.

Present: Chris Laidlaw, Ronan Brown, David Nesbitt

1. Welcome and introductions.

An application from the Wm Laidlaw Memorial Hall requesting £6370.00 was received for the replacement and upgrading of the stage lighting.

Decision Noted: After reviewing the 2 quotes that had been put forward one was certainly more attractive. And felt the Hall committee would oversee the project diligently and would be good value for the community.

It was agreed to recommend that the Teviot & Liddesdale Area Partnership award a full grant of £6370.00.

| David Nesbitt (treasurer HCC.) | | |
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Pot B applications

Hawick Development Trust, Teri BikesHawick Reivers AssociationPot B

Home Basics
 Pot B Application

Burnfoot Community Futures
 Retraction of Pot B award 23/24 NSF

For this funding round the Pot B panel members were unable to meet to discuss, panel recommendations were provided to SBC via email.

Hawick Development Trust, Teri Bikes

Project summary

Hawick Development Trust is seeking £4997.99 from the Neighbourhood Support Fund for the Teri Bikes Project. Teri Bikes exists as a subgroup of Hawick Development Trust (formally Future Hawick), working under their umbrella organisation. HDT will act in an incubation role, providing ring-fenced banking and any other required facilities to nurture and support the project until it becomes self-sustaining.

Teri Bikes will operate a cycling hub in Hawick. Run by paid staff and encouraging volunteers, this project will give those who would otherwise not be able to access bikes the opportunity to borrow/hire/buy a bike. This in turn will promote health and wellbeing, cut down on car journeys, foster fellowship and skills development with volunteers, and provide job creation.

One of the biggest challenges facing this project is the requirement for most of the funding to be in place at the outset. Grant applications have been submitted to:

Community-led Local Development Fund (CLLD) – £19k grant secured Rural Communities Fund - £19k grant applied for Awards For All - £19k grant applied for

In addition to the above, other sources of potential funding are being explored.

The group are seeking NSF funding for equipment, marketing and staff and volunteer training costs in the lead up to a spring opening.

The panel's recommendation has been provided and is summarised below;

1 panel member is a trustee of HDT and was therefore unable to score the application.

5/5 panel members agreed to recommend the project to be fully funded, with feedback including that, the project will help with community wellbeing and is ecofriendly and that the group is filling a void that is not currently catered for.

Panel members have noted that there was still much fundraising to do. One panel member suggested putting a condition on the grant, that funding granted should be held back until all other funding is secured. This however poses a risk, as it is the end of the financial year, that the funding has to potential to be lost.

The Pot B panel majority, recommend to fund the full value of the application.

Hawick Reivers Association

Project summary

Hawick Reivers Association have applied to the Pot B Neighbourhood Support Fund, for £2000 towards the design and creation of a new website.

While specifically promoting the Reivers Festival itself, the website will also aim to encourage visitors to the town and Borders region, not just for the weekend itself but all year round.

The 2023 Hawick Reivers Festival event was attended by 3375 who physically attended and 110,000 digital attendees.

The group has advised that its current website set up does not allow its committee members to easily access figures for visitor numbers etc. This is one of the reasons (amongst many others) why the group is aware the site is rapidly becoming not fit for purpose and needs significantly revamped. Its current layout is not easy for visitors to navigate either. HRA is confident that with a rebuild, itcan significantly improve traffic and that it will link much more smoothly with the group's existing social media / digital marketing strategy.

The panel's recommendation has been provided and is summarised below;

7/7 panel members recommend to fully fund this project. With feedback suggesting that although not a 'new project' the website rebuild would be beneficial to the group and the wider community.

The Pot B panel unanimously recommend to fund the full value of the application.

Home Basics

Project summary

Home Basics have applied to the Pot B, Neighbourhood Support Fund, for £5000 towards the purchasing of a new van.

Home Basics collect donated furniture, household and electrical items and provide them at low-cost to disadvantaged people on means-tested benefits in the Scottish Borders. Their current vehicle has done over 87000 miles and averages 1500 collections and 1700 deliveries each year. In the previous 12 months the group collected donations from 255 TD9 addresses and delivered to 318 addresses.

It is anticipated that the total cost of the project and a new low loader vehicle is £44,376. The final choice of vehicle will depend upon part-exchange valuation of their current van and delivery lead-in times.

At the time of the application, the group has £169,303 in their bank account, with £44,000 ringfenced towards the expected deposit towards the purchase of their Croft Road Warehouse in Hawick. The group has applied for £15,000 from the Clothworkers Foundation. Since the NSF application has been received, they have also been awarded £7500 from the Robertson Trust.

The panel's recommendation has been provided and is summarised below;

The panel had enquired about;

- The possibility of leasing
- The price of the van and whether there are cheaper alternatives. quotes were provided
- The amount of funding required and where this may come from.
- One panel member suggested putting a condition on the grant, that funding granted should be held back until all other funding is secured. This however poses a risk, as it is the end of the financial year, that the funding has to potential to be lost.
- 6 panel members recommended that the project is fully funded.
- 1 member recommended not to fund the project, as they believed their current van is still fit for purpose but also because the group appears to have sufficient money of their own to fund this themselves.

The Pot B panel majority, recommend to fund the full value of the application.

Burnfoot Community Futures – Retraction of grant award

Burnfoot Community Futures was awarded a grant of £1500, through the 23/24, Burnfoot Pot A fund, for Burnfoot Events. BCF have notified SBC, that they would like to retract the grant award.

Additional Information

SBC Current Consultations

Have Your Say - Placemaking and Community Engagement Sign Up - Closes 24th February 2026

The way we are engaging with our residents is changing - and we want you to have your say Placemaking is a process of community engagement where the opinions and desires of the community are used to inform the future of the places we live, work and play - and by getting involved and telling us what matters to you, we can make sure the voices of all Scottish Borders residents are heard.

Have Your Say - Placemaking and Community Engagement Sign Up

Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places 2023 - Closes 12th February 2024

In line with the requirements of Section 18C of the Representation of the People Act 1983, Scottish Borders Council is undertaking a review of polling districts and polling places for use in parliamentary and local elections.

The aim of the Review is to ensure:

- 1. all electors in the Scottish Borders have as reasonable facilities for voting as are possible in the circumstances; and
- 2. so far as is reasonable and possible every polling place which the Council is responsible for is accessible to electors who are disabled.

The Council would like to hear from electors on these issues, in particular your comments on the suitability of current polling stations and suggestions for possible alternatives would be appreciated. The Council would also welcome comments from anyone, or group, with expertise in access for persons with any type of disability.

Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places 2023

Website survey - Closes 29th February 2024

We have recently refreshed our website and would welcome the feedback of users.

Website survey

Provision of Early Learning & Childcare (ELC) Parent Consultation 2023 - Closes 10th March 2024

Local Authorities in Scotland are required to consult with parents every 2 years, to support their planning for the delivery of Early Learning and Childcare (ELC). This questionnaire is aimed at parents/carers whose children will access ELC provision in the future and those currently accessing ELC provision. It is also useful for the Council to consult with parents /carers whose children are now at Primary School. If you are responding as a parent/carer who previously accessed ELC provision, Page 15 please respond to the questions based on your experience.

Scottish Government Current Consultations

Democracy Matters – Closes 28 Feb 2024

Somebody, somewhere is making decisions on your behalf. Democracy Matters conversations have already started to explore whether far more of these decisions could be made by communities themselves. This is a key and connected part of the wider Local Governance Review which is looking across all of Scotland's vital public services to consider how power and resources should be shared between national and local government.

Read more: Democracy Matters - Scottish Government consultations - Citizen Space

Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Consultation 2024 - Closes 8 March

The Scottish Borders Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy (LHEES) sets out our vision and goals for energy efficiency in all buildings across the Scottish Borders over the next five years, 2024-2029. The draft documents will develop and be subject to change, and we want people to share their views on our proposed vision, outcomes, key actions and energy efficiency issues.

We are interested in finding out the views of anyone living or wishing to live in the Scottish Borders, as well as any group or organisation with an interest in energy efficiency in the Scottish Borders.

<u>Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy Consultation 2024 - Scottish Borders Council - Citizen</u> Space

Energy Efficiency Schemes

Energy Company Obligation (ECO4) scheme.

The Energy Company Obligation (ECO4) is a government energy-efficiency scheme in Great Britain, designed to tackle fuel poverty and help reduce carbon emissions. ECO is an obligation placed on energy companies to deliver energy efficiency measures to domestic premises.

https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/environmental-and-social-schemes/energy-company-obligation-eco/homeowners-and-tenants/fags-domestic-consumers-and-landlords

The Great British Insulation Scheme

Similar to ECO 4, but focusses on insulation only

Great British Insulation Scheme | Ofgem

Home Energy Scotland

Home Energy Scotland can offer bespoke advice to householders that best fit their circumstances and this could include the ECO 4 scheme or other grants and schemes such as the EES:ABS scheme or Warmer Homes Scotland.

https://www.homeenergyscotland.org/funding/Useful

Food Conversations

The Food Conversation meetings are open to any community group or organisation who has an interest in the delivery of food support and long-term food access in Scottish Borders. If you are interested in joining these meetings, please let us know by emailing us at communitygrants@scotborders.gov.uk

The next food Conversations meeting will be taking place on Friday 23 February.

Community Choices

There are no updates for Community Choices. Should this change, an update on the latest meeting will be provided at the Area Partnership.

Community Empowerment

Currently, there are no formal Participation Requests or Asset Transfer Requests being considered within the Teviot & Liddesdale area.

For information about the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015: Parts of the Act | Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 | Scottish Borders Council (scotborders.gov.uk)

Place Making

A place-based approach is about understanding the potential of a place and coordinating action to improve outcomes, with community participation at the heart of the process. For information, tools and resources on place-based approaches visit <u>Our Place</u>

For details on existing Borderlands Towns Place Making progress visit Place Programme (arcgis.com)

Area Partnerships' Information Pack

<u>Browse meetings - Teviot and Liddesdale Area Partnership - Scottish Borders Council</u> (moderngov.co.uk)

<u>Community engagement, planning and ownership | Area Partnership information pack | Scottish</u> <u>Borders Council (scotborders.gov.uk)</u>

Community Councils:

Scottish Community Councils Latest News, including information about funding opportunities and national consultations:

Community Council News

Scottish Borders Council Meetings

Browse meetings - Scottish Borders Council - Scottish Borders Council (moderngov.co.uk)

Cost of Living Support

<u>Financial support and advice | Cost of Living Crisis support | Scottish Borders Council (scotborders.gov.uk)</u>

Debt Advice:

Citizens Advice Bureau



NHS Money Worries App – download from Google Play or the App Store

Covid-19 vaccination programme

https://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/covid-19-vaccination-programme/

NHS Borders website for current updates:

http://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/coronavirus/

Business support

https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/covid19business

General Funding:

https://fundingscotland.com/

Grants Online

https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/

Community grants and funding | Scottish Borders Council (scotborders.gov.uk)

Neighbourhood Support Fund | Scottish Borders Council (scotborders.gov.uk)

SBC Enhancement & Welfare Trust

NHS Borders Wellbeing Service:

http://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/our-services/general-services/wellbeing-service/

NHS Borders Wellbeing Point:

www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/wellbeingpoint

https://www.rcot.co.uk/conserving-energy

This includes pacing, fatigue management and some ideas about restarting gentle exercise

https://www.yourcovidrecovery.nhs.uk/

This covers most aspects, including information from physiotherapy and occupational therapy websites

https://www.chss.org.uk/advice-line-nurses/

Phone or email to access their support/advice

