
NEIGHBOURHOOD SMALL SCHEMES

Report by Service Director Assets and Infrastructure

TEVIOT & LIDDESDALE AREA FORUM

20 June 2017

1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report seeks approval for the proposed new Neighbourhood Small Schemes from the Area Forum.**
- 1.2 The following Neighbourhood Small Schemes have been requested for consideration by the Teviot & Liddesdale members:- Fell 3 conifer trees at the rear of Wilton Hill Terrace, Hawick; repair existing handrail and replace missing handrail at Bright Street, Hawick and grass cutting at The Moat, Hawick.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 I recommend that the Teviot & Liddesdale Area Forum approves the following new Neighbourhood Small Schemes for implementation:-**
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| (i) Fell 3 conifer trees at the rear of Wilton Hill Terrace, Hawick | £410 |
| (ii) Repair existing handrail and replace missing handrail at Bright Street, Hawick | £850 |
| (iii) Grass cutting at the Moat, Hawick | £600 |

3 BACKGROUND

3.1 Elected Members, Community Councils and the public can request potential small schemes or work to be undertaken by the Neighbourhood squads by contacting the Neighbourhood Area Manager direct. Neighbourhood Operations is contactable via the Scottish Borders Council telephone number 0300 100 1800, e-mail address – enquiries@scotborders.gov.uk or by writing to Neighbourhood Services, Council Headquarters, Newtown St. Boswells, Melrose TD6 0SA.

The following schemes have been requested for consideration via these routes to enhance the Teviot & Liddesdale Area:-

- (a) Fell 3 conifer trees at the top of the Waverley Walk embankment, adjacent Wilton Hill Terrace, Hawick (£410). This request was received from Ward Councillors.
- (b) Repair a section of existing handrail and replace a 10 metre section of missing handrail at Bright Street, Hawick (£850). This request was received from Ward Councillors.
- (c) Grass cutting at The Moat, Hawick on two occasions – June and August (£600). This request was received from Ward Councillors.

3.2 Works will be scheduled to meet specific area needs, local timetable and to maximise the overall efficiency of the works programme.

4 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Financial

(a)

	Small Schemes
Total Budget 17/18	34,702
Committed Previously	0
Proposed per Report	1,860
Remaining Balance	32,842

- (b) A budget of £34,702 is available through Neighbourhood Services for small schemes in the Teviot and Liddesdale area in 2017/18. It has been agreed previously that this budget will be split equally between the Hawick & Hermitage and Hawick & Denholm Wards. If the above schemes are approved, then there will be a remaining budget of £15,901 in Hawick & Hermitage Ward and £16,941 in Hawick & Denholm Ward for future schemes.

4.2 Risk and Mitigations

If these budgets are not spent, the local area will not benefit from improvement works being carried out.

4.3 Equalities

The proposals within this report will not have an adverse impact on any of the equality groups - race, disability, age, sexual orientation or religion/belief.

4.4 **Acting Sustainably**

It is anticipated that there will be a variety of economic, social or environmental benefits arising from the proposed schemes in para 3.1.

4.5 **Carbon Management**

There are no significant effects anticipated on carbon emissions to the Council by doing or not doing what is proposed.

4.6 **Rural Proofing**

This report does not relate to new or amended policy or strategy and as a result rural proofing is not an applicable consideration.

4.7 **Changes to Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation**

There is no change to either the Scheme of Administration or the Scheme of Delegation.

5 **CONSULTATION**

- 5.1 The Chief Financial Officer, the Monitoring Officer, the Chief Legal Officer, the Chief Officer Audit and Risk, the Chief Officer HR and the Clerk to the Council have been consulted and any comments received have been incorporated in the final report.

Approved by

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Signature

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