
NEIGHBOURHOOD SMALL SCHEMES

Report by Service Director Assets and Infrastructure

EILDON LOCALITY COMMITTEE

22 JUNE 2017

1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

1.1 This report seeks approval for the proposed new Neighbourhood Small Schemes from the Locality Committee.

1.2 The following schemes have been requested for consideration by the Eildon members:-Replacement bus shelter in Tweedbank, white lining in a car park in Tweedbank, a new timber bench in Midlem, footpath improvements on the Eildon Hills walkway, construction of a disabled access to the Tweedbank allotments and the installation of two dropped kerbs on Marigold Drive, Langlee.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 I recommend that the Eildon Locality Committee

(a) approves the following new Neighbourhood Small Schemes for implementation:-

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| (i) Replacement of the existing bus shelter on Tweedbank Drive, Tweedbank | £10,200 |
| (ii) White line the car park, Neidpath Court, Tweedbank | £200 |
| (iii) Install two dropped kerbs, Marigold Drive, Langlee | £1,800 |
| (iv) Provide a new timber bench, The Green, Midlem | £200 |
| (v) Construct a disabled access to the allotments, Tweedbank (Joint scheme with Criminal Justice Team) | £300 |
| (vi) Construct footpath improvements, Eildon Hills Walkway | £1,430 |

(b) agree to delegate authority to the Service Director for Asset and Infrastructure to allocate funds for small schemes in 2017/18, subject to consultation with all ten Eildon Members and approval by at least five Eildon Members.

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.
- 3.2 The following schemes have been requested for consideration via these routes to enhance the Eildon Area:-
- (a) Replace the existing bus shelter on Tweedbank Drive, Tweedbank (£10,500). This request was received from a local elected Member.
 - (b) White line the existing small car park on Neidpath Court, Tweedbank (£200). This request was received from a member of the public.
 - (c) Install two dropped kerbs on Marigold Drive, Langlee (£1,800). This request was received from a local elected Member and a member of the public.
 - (d) Provide a new timber bench for The Green, Midlem (£200). This request was received from the local Community Council.
 - (e) Construct a disabled access to the Tweedbank Allotments (£300). This is a joint project with the Criminal Justice Team. This request was received from a local elected Member.
 - (f) Construct footpath improvements, handrail and platforms, on the Eildon Hills Walkway near Melrose (£1,430). This request was received from a local elected Member and member of the public.

4 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Financial

- (a) A budget of £48,200 is available for small schemes in the Eildon Area in 2017/18.
- (b) If the small schemes in 2.1(a) are all approved, the remaining small schemes budget for 2017/18 will be £33,770.

4.2 Risk and Mitigations

If the small schemes budget is 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 2.1.

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**

No changes to the Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation are required as a result of this report.

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

Martin Joyce

Service Director Assets and Infrastructure

Signature

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