
NEIGHBOURHOOD SMALL SCHEMES

Report by Service Director for Neighbourhood Services

EILDON AREA FORUM

14 MAY 2015

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 schemes have been requested for consideration by the Eildon members:-installation of two dropped kerbs, Overhaugh St, Galashiels, purchase of defibrillator cases & contribution to installation, Ettrick & Yarrow area, extension of the footpath, Annie's Rd, Newstead & the construction of a link footpath, Gunknowe Loch, Tweedbank.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 I recommend that the Eildon Area Forum

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

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| (i) Install two dropped kerbs, Overhaugh St, Galashiels. | £1,800 |
| (ii) Purchase five defibrillator cases & contribution to the installation costs, various locations in the Ettrick & Yarrow Valleys | £1,775 |
| (iii) Extension to the footpath, Annie's Rd, Newstead | £4,050 |
| (iv) Construct a link footpath, Gunknowe Loch, Tweedbank | £3,900 |

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 new 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:-
- 3.3 Construct two dropped kerbs in Overhaugh St, Galashiels (£1,800). This request was received from a local elected member.
- 3.4 Purchase five defibrillator cases (£1650) & contribution to the installation costs (£125) for various sites throughout the Ettrick & Yarrow Valleys. This request was received from the local Community Council.
- 3.5 Extend the existing footpath by 25m to align with the opposite dropped kerb on Annie's Rd, Newstead (£4,050). This request was received from a local elected member.
- 3.6 Construct a link footpath, 17m, plus a handrail from a car park to the circular walkway at Gunknowe Loch, Tweedbank (£3,900). This request was received from a local elected member.

4 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Financial

- (a) A budget of £48,200 is available for small schemes in the Eildon Area in 2015/16.
- (b) If the small schemes in 2.1(a) are all approved, the remaining small schemes budget for 2015/16 will be £ 36,675.
- (c) In addition, a budget of £20,000 is available for Quality of Life schemes in the Eildon Area in 2015/16. It has previously been agreed by Eildon Councillors that this budget is equally divided between the three Eildon Wards. Each Ward will have a budget of £6,666.

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 Service Director Strategy and Policy, the Chief Officer Audit and Risk, the Chief Officer HR, and the Clerk to the Council have been consulted. Any comments received will be incorporated in the final report.

Approved by

Service Director Neighbourhood Services

Signature

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