
NEIGHBOURHOOD SMALL SCHEMES and QUALITY OF LIFE

Report by Service Director Neighbourhood Services

TEVIOT & LIDDESDALE AREA FORUM

19 MAY 2015

1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

- 1.1 **This report seeks approval for the proposed new Quality of Life and Neighbourhood Small Schemes from the Area Forum and updates the Forum on previously approved Neighbourhood Schemes.**
- 1.2 The following Neighbourhood Small Schemes have been requested for consideration by the Teviot & Liddesdale members: - contribution towards purchase of shrubs, O'Connell Street, Hawick and drainage works at Ettleton Cemetery, Newcastleton.
- 1.3 The following Quality of Life Scheme has been requested for consideration by the Teviot & Liddesdale members: - donation towards purchase of two defibrillators for Hawick Town.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **I recommend that the Teviot & Liddesdale Area Forum:**
- (a) **approves the following new Neighbourhood Small Schemes for implementation:-**
- (i) **Contribution towards purchase of shrubs, O'Connell Street, Hawick. £500**
- (ii) **Drainage works at Ettleton Cemetery, Newcastleton. £285**
- (b) **approves the following new Quality of Life Scheme for implementation :-**
- (i) **Contribution towards purchase of two defibrillators, Hawick Town. £1,185**
- (c) **notes the updates on previously approved Neighbourhood Small Schemes as detailed in Appendix A to this report.**

3 BACKGROUND

3.1 Elected Members, Community Councils and the public can request potential Neighbourhood or Quality of Life 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.

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

- (a) Contribution towards the purchase of shrubs to upgrade the beds at the top of O'Connell Street, Hawick (£500). This request was received from local Ward Councillors.
- (b) Reform the existing ditch within the land to the north side of Ettleton Cemetery, Newcastleton (£285). Buccleuch Estates have agreed to erect a single barb fence to prevent cattle from entering the area. This request was received from a local Ward Councillor.
- (c) Contribution to Avril's Trust to enable the purchase of a further two defibrillators to be located within Hawick Town (£1,185). The initial costing overheads for the two defibrillators would be £2,895 and the Trust would fund the balance. They will also be responsible for the additional costs involved in the upkeep of the machines. It is recommended that this contribution be split equally between both the Hawick & Hermitage and Hawick & Denholm Wards. This request was received from a local ward Councillor.

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

3.3 Updates on previously approved Neighbourhood Small Schemes are detailed in Appendix A to this report.

4 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Financial

- (a) A budget of £34,702 is available through Neighbourhood Services for small schemes in the Teviot and Liddesdale area in 2015/16. 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 £15,386 in Hawick & Hermitage Ward and £17,351 in Hawick & Denholm Ward for future schemes.

Appendix A list up-dates on previously approved Neighbourhood Small Schemes.

- (b) In addition, a budget of £20,000 is available for Quality of Life schemes in the Teviot & Liddesdale Area in 2015/16. It has been agreed previously that this budget will be split equally between the Hawick & Hermitage and Hawick & Denholm Wards. If the above scheme is approved, then there will be a remaining budget of £9,407 in each of the Wards.

4.2 Risk and Mitigations

This local area will not benefit from this locally prioritised budget if not allocated.

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

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

Approved by

Service Director Neighbourhood Services

Signature

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