
NEIGHBOURHOOD SMALL SCHEMES AND QUALITY OF LIFE

Report by Service Director Assets and Infrastructure

TEVIOT & LIDDESDALE LOCALITY COMMITTEE

19 September 2017

1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

- 1.1 **This report seeks approval for the proposed new Quality of Life and Neighbourhood Small Schemes from the Locality Committee.**
- 1.2 The following Neighbourhood Small Schemes have been requested for consideration by the Teviot & Liddesdale members:- Install red textured road surfacing to the 2 entrances to Chesters, 1 entrance to Denholm and 2 entrances to Newcastleton; refurbishment of Denholm Cemetery gates.
- 1.3 The following Quality of Life Scheme has been requested for consideration by the Teviot and Liddesdale members:- provision of football goal nets for football posts at Weensland Play Area, Hawick.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 **I recommend that the Teviot & Liddesdale Locality Committee**

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

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| (i) Install red textured road surfacing to the 2 entrances to Chesters on the A6088 | £4,384 |
| (ii) Install red textured road surfacing to the entrance to Denholm on the A698 from the west | £2,192 |
| (iii) Install red textured road surfacing to the 2 Entrances to Newcastleton on the B6357 | £4,384 |
| (iv) Refurbishment of Denholm Cemetery gates | £2,434 |

(b) approves the following new Quality of Life Schemes for implementation:-

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| (i) Provision of football goal nets for football posts at Weensland Play Area, Hawick | £56 |
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- (c) Notes the updates on previously approved neighbourhood Small schemes in 2017/18 as detailed in Appendix A to this Report.**
- (d) Notes the updates on previously approved Quality of Life Schemes in 2017/18 as detailed in Appendix B to this report.**

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) Install red textured road surfacing to the 2 entrances to Chesters on the A6088 (£4,384). This request was received from Ward Councillors.
- (b) Install red textured road surfacing to the entrance to Denholm on the A698 from the west (£2,192). This request was received from Ward Councillors.
- (c) Install red textured road surfacing to the 2 entrances to Newcastleton on the B6357 (£4,384). This request was received from Ward Councillors.
- (d) Refurbish entrance gates at Denholm Cemetery, including repairs to metalwork and painting (£2,434). This request was received from Ward Councillors.
- (e) Provide football goal nets for the kick-about football posts at Weensland Play Area, Hawick (£56). 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)

	Quality of Life	Small Schemes	Total
2016/17 Carry Forward	3,159	0	3,159
2017/18 Budget	20,000	34,702	54,702
Total Budget	23,159	34,702	57,861
Committed Previously	4,865	3,105	7,970
Proposed per Report	56	13,394	13,450
Remaining Balance	18,238	18,203	36,441

- (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 £11,517 in Hawick & Hermitage Ward and £6,686 in Hawick & Denholm Ward for future schemes.
- (c) In addition a budget of £23,159 is available for Quality of Life schemes in the Teviot and Liddesdale area in 2017/18. If the above scheme is approved, there will be a remaining budget of £9,909 in the Hawick and Hermitage Ward and £8,329 in the Hawick and 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 Service Director 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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