
NEIGHBOURHOOD SMALL SCHEME WORKS/QUALITY OF LIFE

Report by Service Director Neighbourhood Services

TWEEDDALE AREA FORUM

27 May 2015

1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

1.1 This report seeks approval from Tweeddale Area Forum for proposals to deliver projects throughout the Tweeddale area using Neighbourhood Small Schemes and Quality of Life budgets for 2015-16. Furthermore, the report seeks the delegated authority to decide on Quality of Life and Small Scheme proposals be granted to the Service Director Neighbourhood Services, subject to consultation with and majority approval of Tweeddale members.

1.2 The following Neighbourhood schemes have been requested for the consideration of the Tweeddale members from quality of life budget:-
To fund the costs associated with the creation of an additional bus service to meet the needs of children wishing to take part in after school activities on Fridays, between Peebles and West Linton. For a period of twelve months, commencing from June 2015 - £2,964.

To support Vale Of Leithen FC with the costs of having a ground capacity assessment and Access audit undertaken, to meet the needs of the licensing requirements of Scottish Football Association (SFA) - £1,000

1.3 The delegated authority to propose projects and gain Members agreement to those projects is sought to ensure continuity and efficiency of delivery for proposals throughout the year. Reports on proposals will continue to be reported to the Tweeddale Area Forum and progress updates will also continue to be given throughout the year.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 I recommend that the Tweeddale Area Forum:-

(a) approves to fund the following quality of life schemes :-

- (i) To fund the costs associated with the creation of an additional bus service to meet the needs of children wishing to take part in after school activities on Fridays, between Peebles and West Linton. For a period of twelve months, commencing from June 2015 - £2,964.**
 - (ii) To support Vale Of Leithen FC with the costs of having a ground capacity assessment and Access audit undertaken, to meet the needs of the licensing requirements of Scottish Football Association (SFA) - £1,000.**
- (b) Agrees to delegate authority to the Service Director Neighbourhood Services to agree to proposals for Quality of Life or Small Schemes, subject to consultation with and majority approval by the Tweeddale members.**

3 BACKGROUND

3.1 Elected Members, Community Councils and the public can request financial support to enable delivery of local improvement projects and initiatives via Small Schemes and or Quality of Life budgets. Additionally requests for direct work to be undertaken by Neighbourhood operations can be made 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.

4 Quality of Life

4.1 The following schemes have been requested for consideration utilising quality of life support to enhance the Tweeddale Area:-

4.2 To fund the costs associated with the creation of an additional bus service to meet the needs of children wishing to take part in after school activities on Fridays, between Peebles and West Linton. For a period of twelve months, commencing from August 2015 - £2,964.

4.3 To support Vale of Leithen FC with the costs of having a ground capacity assessment and Access audit undertaken, to meet the needs of the licensing requirements of Scottish Football Association (SFA) - £1,000.

5 Delegated Authority

5.1 There are currently four Tweeddale Area forum meetings per year and therefore the opportunity to gain agreement to proposals and then have enough time to deliver them is limited.

5.2 This proposal would see the Neighbourhood Area Manager for Tweeddale consult with all members of the Tweeddale Area Forum on proposals as they emerge and subject to a majority agreement, empower them to deliver proposals outside of the Committee timeframe. However, updates on proposals would be given to the Tweeddale Area Forum each time it met.

6 IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Financial

(a) If the proposals detailed at 2.1 (a) (i) and (ii) are agreed this will leave a balance of £7,388.35 for 2015-16.

(b) The current available small scheme budget for 2015-16 is £34,702 of which none has been committed to date.

6.2 Risk and Mitigations

There are no risks associated with this report.

6.3 Equalities

It is anticipated there will be no adverse impact due to race, disability, gender, age, sexual orientation or religion/belief arising from the proposals contained in this report.

6.4 Acting Sustainably Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

It is anticipated that there will be a variety of positive economic, social or environmental benefits arising from the proposed schemes in paragraph 2.1.

6.5 Carbon Management – Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

There are no significant effects anticipated to Council carbon emissions by approving the proposals in this report.

6.6 Changes to Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation

There are no changes required to the scheme of administration or delegation arising from the contents of this report.

7 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 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, the Service Director Capital Projects and the Clerk to the Council have been consulted and any comments received have been incorporated in the final report.

Approved by

Service Director of Neighbourhood Services

Signature

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Background Papers: None

Previous Minute Reference: None

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Approved "Quality of Life" Funding - Appendix B

Date	Scheme	Estimate (£)	Final Cost	Current Up-date	Estimated Completion
Mar	Clovenfords Play area	10,000.00			
Mar	Young Street, Peebles - Traffic island	4,209.65			

	Total	14,210
	14-15 Carry Forward	5,562
Budget		25,562
Balance +/-		11,352