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## **NEIGHBOURHOOD SMALL SCHEMES AND QUALITY OF LIFE**

**Report by Service Director Assets and Infrastructure**

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### **TEVIOT & LIDDESDALE LOCALITY COMMITTEE**

**14 November 2017**

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#### **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 and a decision regarding four options available for a potential Quality of Life Scheme.**
- 1.2 The following Neighbourhood Small Schemes have been requested for consideration by the Teviot & Liddesdale Members:- relocate the Burnfoot sign to the grass area opposite Wilton Cemetery main entrance; install 3 road gullies on the D66/3 at Langraw Cottage, Hobkirk.
- 1.3 The Following Quality of Life Scheme has been requested for consideration by the Teviot and Liddesdale Members:- Provision and installation of two benches, one opposite Hermitage Village Hall and one at Hermitage Castle lay-by.
- 1.4 Installation of an item of play equipment at the Moat Park Hawick:- Option 1- Kompan Roundabout (£5,456), Option 2 – Kompan Toddlers Slide (£7,971), Option 3 Kompan Play Tower (£6,813), Option 4 - Proludic Roundabout (£6,586), detailed in Appendix C to the report.

#### **2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 **I recommend that the Teviot & Liddesdale Locality Committee**
- (a) approves the following new Neighbourhood Small Schemes for implementation:-**
- (i) Relocate the Burnfoot sign to the grass area opposite Wilton Cemetery main entrance £120**
- (ii) Install 3 road gullies and associated pipework on the D66/3 at Langraw Cottage, Hobkirk £2,950**
- (b) Approves the following new Quality of Life Scheme for implementation:-**
- (i) Provision and installation of two benches, one opposite Hermitage Village Hall and one at the Hermitage Castle lay-by £420**

- (c) Consider which, if any, of the four options available for the replacement of an item of play equipment at Moat Park, Hawick should be approved as a Quality of Life Scheme.**
- (d) Notes the updates on previously approved Neighbourhood Small Schemes in 2017/18 as detailed in Appendix A to this Report.**
- (e) 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) Relocate the Burnfoot sign to the grass area opposite Wilton Cemetery main entrance (£120). This request was received from Ward Councillors.
  - (b) Install 3 road gullies and associated pipework on the D66/3 at Langraw Cottage, Hobkirk (£2,950). This request was received from Ward Councillors.
  - (c) Provide and install 2 wooden benches, 1 opposite Hermitage Village Hall and 1 at the lay-by at Hermitage Castle.
- 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 A request was received from a Ward Councillor to price an item of play equipment for a potential Quality of Life Scheme to replace a roundabout previously removed from the Moat Park, Hawick. Prices for the four options for the replacement have been received from two equipment installers. A decision is required on which, if any, of the options should be approved as a Quality of Life Scheme.

### 4 IMPLICATIONS

#### 4.1 Financial

	Quality of Life	Small Schemes	Total
(a) 2016/17 Carry Forward	3,159	0	3,159
2017/18 Budget	20,000	34,702	54,702
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>23,159</b>	<b>34,702</b>	<b>57,861</b>
Committed Previously	4,921	16,499	21,420
Proposed per Report	420	3,070	3,490
Remaining Balance	17,818	15,133	32,951

- (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 £3,616 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 £9,489 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**

**Martin Joyce**  
**Service Director Assets & Infrastructure**

**Signature .....**

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**Background Papers:** None

**Previous Minute Reference:** None

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