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

### **Report by Service Director Assets and Infrastructure TEVIOT & LIDDESDALE LOCALITY COMMITTEE**

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**12 December 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.**
- 1.2 The following Neighbourhood Small Schemes have been requested for consideration by the Teviot & Liddesdale members:- refurbish Hobkirk Cemetery gates and paint notice board; repair footpath adjacent Princes Street, Hawick; cut back 4 trees on grass area at Weensland Road, Hawick; resurface path and install drop kerb at Langholm Street, Newcastleton.
- 1.3 The following Quality of Life Schemes have been requested for consideration by the Teviot and Liddesdale members:- paint metalwork and replace Perspex on the sides of the bus shelter at Dovemount Place, Hawick; supply and install replacement notice board at Burnfoot, 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)   | <b>Refurbish Hobkirk cemetery gates and paint notice board</b>               | <b>£680</b>   |
| (ii)  | <b>Repair footpath adjacent Princes Street Hawick</b>                        | <b>£1,200</b> |
| (iii) | <b>Cut back 4 trees at Weensland Road, Hawick</b>                            | <b>£480</b>   |
| (iv)  | <b>Resurface path and install drop kerb at Langholm Street, Newcastleton</b> | <b>£1268</b>  |
- (b) **approves the following new Quality of Life Schemes for implementation**
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| (i)  | <b>Paint metalwork and replace perspex in the sides of the bus shelter at Dovemount Place, Hawick</b> | <b>£1,332</b> |
| (ii) | <b>Supply and install replacement notice board at Burnfoot</b>  | <b>£574</b>   |
- (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) Refurbish Hobkirk cemetery gates and paint adjacent noticeboard (£680). This request was received from Ward Councillors.
  - (b) Repair a section of the slabbed footpath through the old cemetery area, adjacent Princes Street, Hawick (1,200). This request was received from Ward Councillors
  - (c) Cut back 3 cherry trees and 1 holly tree on the grass area on Weensland Road, adjacent Heronhill Bank, Hawick (£480). This request was received from Ward Councillors.
  - (d) Resurface small section of path leading from Langholm Street to Douglas Square, Newcastleton and install a drop kerb (£1,268). This request was received from Ward Councillors
  - (e) Replace Perspex on the side panels and paint metalwork of the bus shelter at Dovemount Place, Hawick (£1,332). This request was received from Ward Councillors.
  - (f) Supply and install replacement notice board at Burnfoot, Hawick (£574). 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
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>23,159</b>	<b>34,702</b>	<b>57,861</b>
Committed Previously	10,797	19,569	30,366
Proposed per Report	1,906	3,628	5,534
Remaining Balance	10,456	11,505	21,961

- (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 £9,769 in Hawick & Hermitage Ward and £1,736 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 £4,033 in the Hawick and Hermitage Ward and £6,423 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 into 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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