

MINUTE of Meeting of the TEVIOT AND LIDDESDALE AREA PARTNERSHIP held in the Assembly Hall, Hawick High School on Tuesday, 19 June 2018 at 6.30 pm

Present:- Councillors -S Marshall (Chairman) C Ramage and G Turnbull.
In Attendance:- 24 Partners, Community Councillors, officers and members of the public.

1. **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

The Chairman varied the order of business as shown on the agenda and the Minute reflects the order in which the items were considered at the meeting.

2. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

The Chairman, Councillor Marshall, welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Teviot and Liddesdale Area Partnership and thanked Community Councils, Partners and local organisations for their attendance. Councillor Marshall explained that the theme for the evening's discussion was Our Health, Care and Wellbeing and introduced Dr Tim Patterson, Director of Public Health and Allyson McCollam, Associate Director of Public Health.

3. **FEEDBACK FROM MEETING OF 17 APRIL 2018**

The Minute of the meeting of the Teviot and Liddesdale Area Partnership held on 17 April 2018 had been circulated along with a summary of the discussion attached as an appendix to the Minute.

4. **THEME: OUR HEALTH, CARE AND WELLBEING**

4.1 Dr Patterson provided an introduction to the theme for the meeting – Our Health, Care and Wellbeing and provided some background and further information about health, care and wellbeing across the Scottish Borders. Dr Patterson advised that public health was important to maximise the health of the individual and to prevent illness. He referred to the establishment of the Health and Social Care Integration Joint Board (IJB) and the Health and Social Care Partnership and highlighted the significant role that local authorities would have in taking public health priorities forward: which included, diet, healthy lifestyle; mental health, substance abuse - including alcohol, healthy communities and reduction of inequalities within society. He referred to the Teviot and Liddesdale Health & Social Care Locality Plan and that work was ongoing at a local level to meet the demands of communities and take account of different demographics, for example the Healthy Living Network and What Matters Hub in Burnfoot, and the work underway to reshape Allied Health Professionals (AHP) services to support community care. Dr Patterson highlighted the importance of community involvement and partnership working to ensure delivery of a public health service that met the needs of the community. He explained that this evening's meeting was important as feedback would be collated and assist in developing the Teviot and Liddesdale Locality Plan.

4.2 Following Dr Patterson's introduction; officers joined elected Members, partners and members of the public at their tables for a discussion on the main issues relating to "Our Health, Care and Wellbeing". A pack of information had been provided at each table to aid the discussion as were post-it notes to record the emerging points. Following this

discussion period and a short break, each group was asked by the Chairman to focus on the key issues raised and identify ways of taking these forward in the Teviot and Liddesdale area. Dr Patterson then highlighted some of the common points identified including: improved community access to facilities, transport to be maintained and improved, changing culture around alcohol consumption; increase specialist support for mental health, A summary of the output of the discussions is provided as an appendix to this minute.

5. LOCALITIES BID FUND

The Communities and Partnership Manager gave a brief update on the Localities Bid Fund and advised that the Localities Bid Fund Round 2 would soon be released.

6. OPEN FORUM

The following issues were raised by those present:-

- Concerns were raised regarding changes to the grass cutting cycle - Jason Hedley, SBC's Neighbourhood Area Manager, advised that as part of the Council's savings around grass maintenance, grass cutting at cemeteries and play areas had been changed to a 20 day cutting cycle. Mr Hedley also advised that there had been challenges with the new cutting equipment. There were no proposals to increase the frequency of grass cutting.
- Removal of grass cuttings at community spaces was queried – Jason Hedley explained that the Council charged for this service. He would discuss further out with the meeting.
- In response to a query regarding Wilton Lodge Park ground maintenance - Jason Hedley advised that annual bedding displays were no longer sustainable and there had been a decision to stop providing annual plants and to plant beds differently with more sustainable types of plants or turn them to grass. Discussion on these proposed changes had commenced with communities. Mr Hedley also commended the work of Hawick in Bloom and advised that they were looking for volunteers to assist with their displays.
- In response to a question regarding Community Toilets – Martin Joyce, Service Director Assets & Infrastructure, clarified that Councillors would be considering options at their next Council meeting, the report would be available on the Council's website.

Councillor Aitchison, Executive Member for Neighbourhoods & Locality Services, advised that officers were implementing decisions made by elected Members and that savings were required. The Chairman advised that he would meet with local Members to discuss further the issues raised during the Open Forum.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Teviot and Liddesdale Area Partnership was scheduled for Tuesday, 11 September 2018 and the theme for the meeting would be 'Our Place'. The venue for the meeting would be confirmed in due course. The Chairman thanked those present for their attendance; in particular he thanked Tanya Thompson, Member of the Youth Parliament for her valuable contribution to the Partnership meetings.

The meeting concluded at 8.30 pm