

Tweeddale Area Partnership

Scottish Borders Council Budget			
Question/Issue/Challenge	Proposed Solution (opportunities for area partnerships/communities?)	Consequence/Impact (positive and negative)	Priority rating
Efficiencies Can we do things in a more streamlined way?	Digital innovation- remote in to meetings with the council. Make use of existing technology. Have staff available at certain times of the day/week to make contacting services easier. Text reminders for GP, dentist appointments are good. Better way to fill in pot holes- 3 lorries? Invest in equipment being the best & most efficient it can be. Recycling/ different options Country wide solution to recycling? Increasing aids + adaption + providing info on local services after hospital discharge	Recycling targets- can more be done? If recycling often sent to landfill or to other countries? Difficult to sort good plastic from bad, zero waste Scotland should be placed	
Identifying priorities Are there services, which in your view, should be prioritised?	Education spend a priority- keeping rural schools are a issue, need more business & housing to keep small schools sustainable. Schools Reduce opening hours of libraries/kindles? Other digital solutions?? Increase the provision of online books Can people be negotiated/ rebalanced Halls- occupancy rates? Reduction of library services		
Different models of delivering services Are there services which we could deliver differently, or that communities could take responsibility for to maintain them in the long term?	Economic development- Business going to Edinburgh from Tweedbank Need national innovation for improved road maintenance. Don't put your bins out if they are only a quarter full? Increase volunteering opportunities nut don't know how to do this locally? Example of grass cutting- communities cd		
Increased charges to service users Should we be charging more for some services?	Charging for elderly- dental care Higher council tax Small rises have to be sustainable	Needs good PR	

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Other funding options What services in your area do you value most which could be retained, expanded or enhanced through the use of additional funds?	Sections of community spaces by businesses, groups. (ie flowers at roundabouts etc) Spend the welfare fund – SBC is lowest in Scotland	Council culture? Why? Staff training	