

Discussion Output: Scottish Borders Council Budget (5th December 2018)

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?	Duplication of services, 3 lunch clubs in Jed and another being launched? Don't fill in pot holes then resurface road 3 weeks later. Poor communications. Digital is good but plenty of people not online and not to be forgotten about. Sharing space/co-location – a lot of planning required, early conversation, take the community with you. Co-working Sustainability		
Identifying priorities Are there services, which in your view, should be prioritised?	Infrastructure very important/digital infrastructure Families How to make it more attractive for people to live here. Actively reflecting need and demand before commissioning 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?	Toilets could be serviced by communities in Jedburgh? Recycling - can we purchase less plastic + reduce waste. Jed leisure trust have put forward a proposed? Grass cutting for example How do we know what goes on in communities? Community log Working with the young people – lot of opportunities here/sharing best practice Importance of voluntary sector		
Increased charges to service users Should we be charging more for some services?	Clarity on who is providing what services. What do the council provide? What do live borders provide for instance? Economic contributions by firms dependant on use of infrastructure		
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?	New Jed campus - can JLT be considered Festive lights - Alex Young (4 watts to 6 watts). Council tax? Important to future proof. Spend to save. Ageing population. School roles (150 less school role) Difficult looking at bigger picture – communication, messaging Spend – impact on jobs, keeping the money in the area.		