
USE OF SMALL SCHEME AND QUALITY OF LIFE FUNDING BY AREA FORUMS

Report by Service Director of Neighbourhood Services

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

26 March 2015

1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present information on the use of the Small Schemes and Quality of Life budgets by the five Area Forums.**
- 1.2 Small Schemes funding is available as follows:
- Berwickshire - £48,200
 - Cheviot - £34,702 (informally split between two wards)
 - Eildon - £48,200
 - Teviot & Liddesdale - £34,702 (split between two wards)
 - Tweeddale - £34,702
- 1.3 Quality of Life funding is available as follows:
- Berwickshire - £20,000
 - Cheviot - £20,000 (split between two wards)
 - Eildon - £20,000 (split between three wards)
 - Teviot & Liddesdale - £20,000 (split between two wards)
 - Tweeddale - £20,000
- 1.4 The attached appendices, list the Small Schemes (Appendix A) and Quality of Life (Appendix B) projects approved by the five Area Forums in 2014/15.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 I recommend that the Committee note the information provided on the use of Small Schemes and Quality of Life funding by the five Area Forums.**

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Small Schemes budget has been available for locally identified projects since 2004. Elected Members, Community Councils and the public can request financial support to enable delivery of local improvement projects and initiatives from this budget. The decision to award a grant from this budget lies with the relevant Area Forum. Small Schemes is revenue funded and must be spent within an allocated financial year. The total allocated budget for 2014/15 is £200,506.
- 3.2 The Quality of Life budget has been available for locally identified projects since 1st April 2014. Elected Members, Community Councils and the public can request financial support to enable delivery of local improvement projects and initiatives from this budget. The decision to award a grant from this budget lies with the relevant Ward Members where the budget has been formally split between the Wards or the relevant Area Forum. Quality of Life budget is revenue funded and must be spent within an allocated financial year. The total allocated budget for 2014/15 is £100,000.
- 3.3 Proposed Small Schemes and Quality of Life projects are initially forwarded to the relevant Neighbourhood Area Manager, who will check if the proposal is appropriate for funding and if so, the project will be priced and then reported to either the Area Forum or Ward Members, as necessary for consideration. All approved projects are listed in appendices for information to future Area Forum.

4 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 **Financial**
There are no costs attached to any of the recommendations contained in this report.
- 4.2 **Risk and Mitigations**
Not applicable.
- 4.3 **Equalities**
There is no requirement to undertake an Equalities Impact Assessment based on the recommendations contained in this report.
- 4.4 **Acting Sustainably**
There are no economic, social or environmental effects based on the recommendations contained in this report.
- 4.5 **Carbon Management**
There are no effects on carbon emissions based on the recommendations contained in this report.
- 4.6 **Rural Proofing**
Not applicable.

4.7 **Changes to Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation**

There are no changes to be made to the Scheme of Administration or the Scheme of Delegation as a result of the recommendations contained in this report.

5 CONSULTATION

5.1 The Chief Financial Officer, the Monitoring Officer, the Chief Legal Officer, the Service Director Strategy and Policy, the Chief Officer Audit and Risk, the Chief Officer HR and the Clerk to the Council have been consulted and any comments received have been incorporated into the final report.

Approved by

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