

MINUTE of Meeting of the EILDON AREA
PARTNERSHIP held at the Scottish Borders
Campus, Galashiels on Thursday, 7 March
2019 at 6.00 pm

Present:- Councillors G. Edgar (Chairman), S. Aitchison, A. Anderson, K. Drum, E. Jardine and C. Penman, 22 Partner representatives, Community Councillors, officers and members of the public.

Apologies:- Councillors D. Parker and H. Scott, Community Councillor R. Kenney.

1. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The Chairman, Councillor Edgar, welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Eildon Area Partnership and thanked Community Councillors, Partners and local organisations for their attendance. Councillor Edgar explained that the focus of the meeting was the preparation of a Locality Plan for the Eildon area which would be structured around all the priority issues identified under the four themes at previous meetings, namely: Economy, Skills and Learning; Health, Care and Wellbeing; Safer Communities; and Environment and Place.

2. **FEEDBACK FROM MEETING ON 24 JANUARY 2019**

The Minute of the meeting of the Eildon Area Partnership held on 24 January 2019 had been circulated. A summary of the discussion on the theme 'our health, care and wellbeing' was attached as an appendix to the Minute. The Locality Development Co-ordinator, Gillian Jardine, summarised the feedback which highlighted priority issues.

3. **DRAFT EILDON LOCALITY PLAN**

The Communities & Partnership Manager, Shona Smith, explained that the Draft Locality Plan which had been circulated with the agenda took into account all the comments and feedback from discussions that had taken place at the previous four themed meetings of the Area Partnership. The priorities and key priorities about what was important and what would make a difference to the lives of people in the Eildon area, within each theme, had been identified and listed in the draft plan. Those present were now asked to review the draft and assess whether the plan had missed any significant areas of discussion and to consider if they agreed with the priorities and key priorities that had been identified. It was explained that there would be a 20 minute discussion on each of the four themes within the draft plan with a facilitator responsible for that theme moving between each of the four tables to record the input. For each theme the questions were asked 'What would success look like; how can we work in partnership to achieve this; and how do I get involved'? Feedback from the discussions on the draft would be used to inform development of the Eildon Locality Plan. It was noted that Local Community Action Plans

and Learning Community Partnership Plans would also form part of the Locality Plan. A summary of the output of the discussions is attached as an appendix to this minute.

4. **LOCALITIES BID FUND UPDATE**

Ms Jardine gave an update on the Localities Bid Fund (LBF). She explained that there had been a good response to the invitation for bids as part of the second round of the LBF, the deadline for which had just passed. Officers were now contacting groups who had applied and the Assessment Panel would meet to consider the bids which, providing they met the essential criteria, would go forward to a public vote. The timescales for the vote would be confirmed soon. In response to a question about the voting process Ms Jardine advised that there would be a voting day and that voting would also be possible on-line, subject to registration to vote. She confirmed that a paper or postal vote would be made available for anyone unable to vote by these means. The Executive Member for Neighbourhoods and Locality Services, Councillor Aitchison, added that all successful projects would be publicised and there would also be feedback from the groups who were successful from Round 1 of the pilot. Councillor Aitchison expressed his thanks to the Communities and Partnerships team for their excellent work in dealing with the administration of the LBF.

5. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Eildon Area Partnership was scheduled for Thursday 23 May 2019. The venue would be confirmed in due course.

The meeting concluded at 8.20 pm