
**NEIGHBOURHOOD SMALL SCHEMES, QUALITY OF LIFE and
PAY & DISPLAY**

Report by Service Director Neighbourhood Services

TEVIOT & LIDDESDALE AREA FORUM**17 FEBRUARY 2015**

1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

- 1.1 **This report seeks approval for the proposed new Quality of Life Scheme from the Area Forum and updates the Forum on previously approved Neighbourhood, Quality of Life and Pay & Display Schemes.**
- 1.2 The following Quality of Life Scheme has been requested for consideration by the Teviot & Liddesdale members: - installation of surface water drain at Denholm Dene.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **I recommend that the Teviot & Liddesdale Area Forum:**
- (a) **approves the following new Quality of Life Scheme for implementation:-**
 - (i) **Install surface water drainage at Denholm Dene. £2,343**
 - (b) **notes the updates on previously approved Neighbourhood Small Schemes as detailed in Appendix A to this report.**
 - (c) **notes the updates on previously approved Quality of Life Schemes as detailed in Appendix B to this report.**
 - (d) **notes the updates on previously approved Pay & Display schemes as detailed in Appendix C to this report.**
 - (e) **agrees to delegate authority to the Service Director Neighbourhood Services to allocate the remaining funds for the current financial year to Quality of Life and Neighbourhood Small Schemes, subject to consultation with, and approval by a majority of members of the Teviot & Liddesdale Area Forum through e-mail.**

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Elected Members, Community Councils and the public can request potential Neighbourhood or Quality of Life schemes or work to be undertaken by the Neighbourhood squads by contacting the Neighbourhood Area Manager direct. Neighbourhood Operations is contactable via the new Scottish Borders Council telephone number 0300 100 1800, e-mail address – enquiries@scotborders.gov.uk or by writing to Neighbourhood Services, Council Headquarters, Newtown St. Boswells, Melrose TD6 0SA.

The following scheme has been requested for consideration via these routes to enhance the Teviot & Liddesdale Area:-

- (a) Install surface water drain across C28 road from the existing road side ditch to the Dene, Denholm Village (£2,343). This request was received from local Ward Councillors.
- 3.2 Works will be scheduled to meet specific area needs, local timetable and to maximise the overall efficiency of the works programme.
- 3.3 Updates on previously approved Neighbourhood Small Scheme as detailed in Appendix A to this report.
- 3.4 Updates on previously approved Quality of Life Scheme as detailed in Appendix B to this report.
- 3.5 Updates on previously approved Pay & Display Schemes as detailed in Appendix C to this report.

4 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Financial

- (a) A budget of £34,702 is available through Neighbourhood Services for small schemes in the Teviot and Liddesdale area in 2014/15. It has been agreed previously that this budget will be split equally between the Hawick & Hermitage and Hawick & Denholm Wards. There is a remaining budget of £2,097 in Hawick & Hermitage Ward and £1,658 in Hawick & Denholm Ward for future schemes.

Appendix A list up-dates on previously approved Neighbourhood Small Schemes.

- (b) In addition, a budget of £20,000 is available for Quality of Life schemes in the Teviot & Liddesdale Area in 2014/15. It has been agreed previously that this budget will be split equally between the Hawick & Hermitage and Hawick & Denholm Wards. If the above scheme is approved, then there will be a remaining budget of £6,397 in Hawick & Denholm Ward for future schemes. There are no available funds remaining in Hawick & Hermitage Ward.

Appendix B up-dates on previously approved Quality of Life Schemes.

4.2 Risk and Mitigations

If these budgets are not spent, the local area will not benefit from improvement works being carried out.

4.3 Equalities

The proposals within this report will not have an adverse impact on any of the equality groups - race, disability, age, sexual orientation or religion/belief.

4.4 Acting Sustainably

It is anticipated that there will be a variety of economic, social or environmental benefits arising from the proposed schemes in para 2.1.

4.5 Carbon Management

There are no significant effects anticipated on carbon emissions to the Council by doing or not doing what is proposed.

4.6 Rural Proofing

This report does not relate to new or amended policy or strategy and as a result rural proofing is not an applicable consideration.

4.7 Changes to Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation

There is a proposed change to the Scheme of Delegation to the Service Director of Neighbourhood Services to approve Quality of Life and Neighbourhood Small Schemes which occur between Area Forum meetings, subject to consultation with and approval by a majority of members of the Teviot & Liddesdale Area Forum through e-mail.

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, the Service Director Capital Projects and the Clerk to the Council have been consulted and any comments received have been incorporated in the final report.

Approved by

Service Director Neighbourhood Services

Signature

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