

CHEVIOT AREA PARTNERSHIP 22 SEPTEMBER 2021

Agenda Item 13: Additional information

Current consultations

There are no current consultations

Community Empowerment:

Information about Community Empowerment is included in the for Area Partnership information pack:

[Community engagement, planning and ownership | Area Partnership information pack | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](#)

Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 – Currently, there are no formal Participation Requests or formal Asset Transfer requests being considered within the Berwickshire area.

Further information about the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 is available on the Council's website:

[Community Empowerment | Community Empowerment \(Scotland\) Act 2015 | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](#)

Rural Communities Ideas into Action

The Scottish Government recently announced details of their new fund which consists of two streams:

- Small Grants of up to £3,000 for grassroots rural groups or organisations to support community projects that fit with local needs and are locally led. The process for applying for this funding has been simplified to make it easy for unincorporated groups to apply and both capital and expenditure costs are eligible.
- Large Grants of between £3,000 and £50,000 for not for profit organisations to invest in community led initiatives that respond to local need. Again, capital and revenue costs are eligible and these can be delivered in partnership with other local organisations.

Further details are available [here](#). The grants are open for applications from Sept Mon 13th with a closing date Friday 8th October—with £1.5 million available across Scotland. Applications through [Inspiring Scotland](#) from next week.

Community Ownership Fund

The UK Government is providing £150 million over 4 years to support community groups in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland to take ownership of assets and amenities at risk of being lost.

Voluntary and community groups can bid for match funding to acquire important assets and run them for the benefit of the local community.

The Fund will run until 2024/25 and there will be at least 8 bidding rounds in total. This prospectus contains details for round 1.

Applicants will need to submit a full business, detail match funding that has already been secured (Community Ownership Fund will provide up to a maximum of 50% of the capital costs to purchase, repair and renovate the asset), outline what skills and resources will be

required to manage the asset, what community benefits will be delivered through community ownership and what the community need is.

Full details are available here: [Community Ownership Fund: prospectus - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/611247/Community_Ownership_Fund_prospectus.pdf)

SBC'S Communities & Partnership team can provide support to any group considering applying to the Community Ownership Fund.

Together for Our Planet – funding launched

This new £2.5million [National Lottery-funded programme](#) will support communities across the UK take action on climate change, ahead of the 26th UN Climate Change Conference (COP26), in Glasgow this November.

The programme is offering grants of between £1,000 and £10,000 to support local community projects. It aims to create a legacy of ongoing climate action in hundreds of communities, beyond COP26, supporting the UK to reduce its emissions on its part to Net Zero by 2050.

Although the fund is open for all, groups that haven't received funding from the National Lottery previously will be a priority and we're also focusing on groups and communities who are starting to take climate action and/or those more likely to be directly impacted by climate change.

The programme is open for applications from 1 September, until 5pm on Thursday 18 November.

Scottish Commission for People with Learning Disabilities

SCLD recently launched an app called Human rights town. It is a tool for anyone who is unsure of their rights, it could also complement learning as an introduction to Human Rights [Welcome to Human Rights Town! - SCLD](#)

Community Councils:

Scottish Community Councils Latest News, including information about funding opportunities and national consultations:

[Community Council News](#)

Scottish Community Council's Facebook page launched

The [Scottish Community Councils Facebook](#) page was launched earlier this year and we are keen to ensure that the page becomes both a resource for community councillors and a forum for highlighting best practice and innovative projects by community councils. We would encourage those involved with community councils to like or follow the page.

Useful websites:

Scottish Borders Council Meetings

[Browse meetings - Scottish Borders Council - Scottish Borders Council \(moderngov.co.uk\)](https://www.moderngov.co.uk/borders/)

Covid-19:

www.scotborders.gov.uk/coronavirus

Community Testing:

www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/community-testing/

NHS Borders website for current updates:

<http://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/coronavirus/>

Business support

<https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/covid19business>

<https://findbusinesssupport.gov.scot/>

Debt Advice:

[Citizens Advice Bureau](#)

NHS Money Worries App – download from Google Play or the App Store

General Funding:

<https://fundingscotland.com/>

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/>

[SBC Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund](#)

[SBC Community Fund](#)

[SBC Enhancement & Welfare Trust](#)

Heating & energy:

www.scotborders.gov.uk/affordablewarmth

NHS Borders Wellbeing Service:

<http://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/our-services/general-services/wellbeing-service/>

NHS Borders Wellbeing Point:

www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/wellbeingpoint