

**SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL**  
**SCRUTINY BUSINESS ACTION SHEET**  
**AUDIT and SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Notes:-

1. Paragraphs Marked with a \* require full Council approval before action can be taken
2. Items for which no actions are required are not included

TITLE	DECISION REQUIRING ACTION	DEPARTMENT/ SECTION	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	Action Update
<b>30 November 2021</b>				
1. Petition – Re-open Teviot Day Service	Para 1.9 – action (a) AGREED to refer the petition to the Director, Social Work & Practice, and request that he: (i) undertook an immediate evaluation of the care packages for the two individuals impacted by the current closure of the Teviot Day Service, including addressing any respite care needs; and (ii) ensured that those attending social centres were made aware that they could arrange to bring support with them to provide any personal care needs.	Social Work	Stuart Easingwood	
	Para 1.9 – action (b) AGREED to refer the petition to the Health and Social Care Integrated Joint Board and ask the Board to examine the scope of buildings-based services that the Borders may require in the future, including the alternatives of day centres and social centres.	Health & Social Care	Chris Myers	
<b>22 November 2021</b>				
1. Scrutiny Action Tracker	Para 11 - NOTED that an updated Action Tracker for Scrutiny business would be brought to the next meeting.	Democratic Services	Jenny Wilkinson	On agenda for 9 December 21.
<b>19 August 2021</b>				
1. Responsible Dog Ownership Strategy Review	Para 2.4 – action (a) AGREED to request that the Head of Waste Services and Head of Neighbourhood Services attend a future meeting of the Committee to discuss options for the Council on the collection and processing of dog waste;	Infrastructure & Environment	Ross Sharp-Dent/Jason Hedley	Agreed at meeting on 22 November 2022 that information was sought from the Service to

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				provide any information on a more sustainable way of processing dog waste.
<b>29 June 2021</b>				
1. Scrutiny Work Programme	Para 11 – NOTED the Scrutiny Work Programme			
	(a) Income Management Policy – Review the Income Management Policy established in 2012 and benchmark current charges against other areas of Scotland (Initial Scrutiny hearing to determine best methodology and reporting)	Finance	David Robertson	
	(b) Rural Proofing Policy – Review the Effectiveness of the current Rural Proofing Policy (Scrutiny hearing)	Resilient Communities	Jenni Craig	On agenda for Audit & Scrutiny meeting on 9 December 2021
	(c) Council resources on Roads, including white lining – a review of the effectiveness of the application of Council resources to the roads network to provide a benchmark for future years for the national Roads Condition Index (Scrutiny hearing)	Infrastructure & Environment	John Curry	Scheduled for meeting of Audit & Scrutiny on 13 January 2022
	(d) Following the Public Pound – An evaluation of the process for grant monitoring and evaluation. (Scrutiny hearing)	Resilient Communities	Jenni Craig	On agenda for Audit & Scrutiny meeting on 9 December 2021
	(e) Management and Maintenance of Public Halls – An evaluation of the community contribution to the management and maintenance of public halls, including those managed by Live Borders. (Scrutiny hearing)	Commissioning Services	Jen Holland	
	(f) Public transport and communities – An evaluation of the current situation and future plans for supporting rural communities to set up their own community transport where there was demand and current transport inadequate. (Initial Scrutiny hearing to determine best methodology and reporting)	Infrastructure & Environment	John Curry	Given the fact Passenger Transport is focussing on the new Home to School Contract, we propose that this is considered at a Committee next

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				Spring.(potentially 14 March meeting)
<b>3 June 2021</b>				
1. Recycling and Waste Policy Update	Para 2.5 – action (b) AGREED that the Service Director Assets & Infrastructure provide a report to the Audit & Scrutiny Committee, in 3 months, to provide an update on progress on communications with the public to encourage a reduction in contamination of waste; and	Infrastructure & Environment	Ross Sharp-Dent	Members briefing in October provided an update. A further update will be provided to Audit and Scrutiny on 9 December.
	Para 2.5 – action (c) AGREED that comparative costs for the Council be provided for processing waste before and after landfill was closed in the Borders.	Infrastructure & Environment	Ross Sharp-Dent	Report due to come back to Committee in Spring 2022. It will need some analysis by Finance who are focussing on monitoring and next year's budget process. It may well be quite difficult to provide this information in detail given the way the Council's budgets are structured.
<b>14 January 2021</b>				
1. Child Poverty	Para 3.3 – action (a) AGREED that an updated table of figures showing child poverty levels in each Ward would be circulated.	Resilient Communities	Jenni Craig	
	<p>Para 3.3 – action (b) AGREED to request that officers provide an update to the June Audit &amp; Scrutiny Committee to facilitate discussion on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) a definition of child poverty and a view of the key drivers for child poverty;</li> <li>(ii) how Councillors could be involved in the Council's approach to tackle child poverty;</li> </ul>	Resilient Communities	Jenni Craig	

	<p>(iii) the information to be included in presentation of data in quarterly performance reports; and</p> <p>(iv) whether benchmarking with local authorities within the family group could be carried out to identify any underlying issues giving rise to the difference in percentage levels of child poverty and to learn from best practice.</p>			
<b>25 November 2019</b>				
Petition – Jedburgh Contact Centre and Library	Para 2.8 - AGREED to refer the petition to the Service Director Customer and Communities with the recommendation that, during the months of January to March 2020 and prior to the opening of the JGC, a consultation be carried out with the Jedburgh Community Council and local community to address the concerns raised.	Resilient Communities	Jenni Craig	
<b>24 October 2019</b>				
Community Access to Schools	Para 4.2 – AGREED to approve the process for reviewing community access to schools, with a view to concluding this matter as soon as possible.	Education & Lifelong Learning	Lesley Munro	