

BERWICKSHIRE AREA PARTNERSHIP

PLACE MAKING WORKING GROUP

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Working Group Objectives

To consider the principles of place planning and then develop an operational framework for the oversight of these activities in Berwickshire, making recommendations to the Area Partnership as appropriate. To help strengthen the role of the Berwickshire Area Partnership as a key community engagement platform, with community consultation and involvement the basis for future service provision and also clarify all issues concerning place making and place planning in Berwickshire.

Membership of the Working Group

Any representative of an organisation in Berwickshire or someone with a personal interest and skills who wishes to become involved in working with others on place planning. Should numbers of interested parties go beyond 14, then consideration will be given to dividing into 2 or more groups, split either geographically or by interest. The Working Group will be chaired by a member of the Berwickshire community, elected from amongst the membership of the Group.

Support to the Working Group will be provided by Officers of Scottish Borders Council, although the amount of support will depend on availability and other commitments.

Method of Approach

The Working Group will carry out its function by:

- (a) Examining relevant data, information, and other place making methodologies to develop the best approach for Berwickshire;
- (b) Encouraging input from the wider Berwickshire community to ensure an even rural and urban spread across localities; and
- (c) Analysing the information collected to reach robust conclusions, examining options and pulling together forward thinking, sustainable recommendations for consideration by the Berwickshire Area Partnership.

Scope

The Working Group will:

1. Gain a shared understanding of place making and place making terminology

2. Hear from other organisations and individuals to develop the context for place making in Berwickshire, taking account of the rural nature of the area
3. Consider and agree the joint principles proposed in earlier SBC papers, looking at alternative options and approaches
4. Consider and further develop a realistic and achievable place making framework, to address identified current or emerging issues
5. Consider the costs of place making
6. Develop the methodology for determining which communities should receive place making priority
7. Recommend how to best allocate the scarce resources available for place planning in Berwickshire
8. Consider the role of the Berwickshire Area Partnership and a Place Making Role Agreement

Expectations

- In light of its work, the Working Group is to provide updates to the Berwickshire Area Partnership on an interim basis and make recommendations as appropriate.
- It is anticipated that some SBC Councillors will join the membership of the Working Group as ex-officio members after the elections in May 2022.

Assumptions

It is assumed that the information required to develop place making will be available timeously and that people will be available to attend and contribute to meetings.

Changes to Terms of Reference

Any changes to the terms of reference of the Working Group must have the prior approval of the Berwickshire Area Partnership and the Area Partnership may amend the terms of reference at any time.