

TWEEDDALE COMMUNITY FUND

TWEEDDALE ASSESSMENT PANEL'S SUMMARY AND COMMENTS ON THE CURRENT COMMUNITY FUND 2022/23

Background

At their meeting on Tuesday 8th March 2022, Tweeddale Assessment Panel discussed potential changes to the operation of the fund from 1 April 2022. The assessment panel also shared their feelings on the process.

Recommendations

Tweeddale Assessment Panel is recommending the following amendment:

Amendment

Introduce deadline dates for applications to be received by throughout the year.

Reason

By advertising set deadline dates, organisations that wish to apply to the fund can clearly see when their applications need to be submitted by, which round of funding they are applying to and when they application will be heard at Tweeddale Area Partnership.

Thoughts & Comments

The panel have received applications from Borderswide projects. The Panel feel that the fairest way to award funding from the Tweeddale allocation is to ensure that groups evidence the need for the project within the locality to which they are applying.

The panel would be looking for:

- Clearer guidance around Borderswide projects
- The Panel request that applying groups highlight the benefits their project will bring to the Tweeddale area specifically.
- The Panel are happy to award proportional funding in line with how the project is delivered across the Scottish Borders.

Panel members found the assessment panel to be a positive experience, some key points below:

- Improve the interview process
- Create a sharepoint site to share information on applications more easily
- Make it clearer what the role of the advisors are on the panel
- The group has formed well and the discussions have been robust but differing viewpoints considered
- It has been an enjoyable process to be part off

The group are happy for the current criteria to remain.