

Additional Information

Current consultations

Community Wealth Building (CWB)

CWB is an approach designed to tackle long-standing economic challenges and transform Scotland's local and regional economies by considering the ways in which the public sector, in partnership with the private, third and community sectors, can ensure more wealth is generated, circulated and retained in communities and localities.

In short, CWB is focused on growing the influence communities have on the economy and ensuring communities receive more of the benefits from the wealth they help to generate.

[Community wealth building consultation - Scottish Government - Citizen Space](#)

As well as publishing a consultation paper, there will be an online engagement event with the Minister for Public Finance, Planning and Community Wealth to discuss the consultation and hear feedback.

The event will take place on Thursday 16 March 2023 between 10:00-11:15 over Microsoft Teams

Register here: [Webinar registration | Microsoft Teams](#)

Scottish Borders Community Plan 2018

The 2018 Plan can be viewed here [Scottish Borders Community Plan - May 2018 | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](#)

The interim Plan (2022/23 Work Plan) was agreed by the Strategic Board in September and is available [here](#). A progress report on each of the four themes is available [here](#).

The progress report for the 2018 Plan is being worked on currently and an update will be provided in due course.

National Planning Framework 4

NPF4 was adopted on 13 February. It is the long-term spatial plan for Scotland with an outlook to 2045. It will guide development through a set of national planning policies, designated national developments and a range of regional spatial priorities.

This NPF differs substantially from previous iterations of the National Planning Framework and Scottish Planning Policy which were largely focused on facilitating development and economic growth at a very strategic level. While these remain important considerations, the Ministerial foreword in the document signals that it has a different emphasis and that it will set out how the Scottish

Government's approach to planning and development will prioritise climate action and help to achieve a net zero, sustainable Scotland by 2045.

What makes this national policy different from its predecessors is that, upon adoption, NPF4 became part of the statutory development plan and, in doing so, replaced the SESplan Strategic Development Plan (SDP1) as part of the development plan. As a result, SDP1 is now superseded and has no formal planning status. Similarly, Scottish Planning Policy (SPP) (2014) is also replaced by NPF4 and SPP no longer represents Scottish Ministers' policy on planning.

NPF4 will have a significant bearing on how local authorities undertake preparation of Local Development Plans (LDPs). In particular, it guides how they should quantify future housing requirements and allocate development sites. It requires plans to have an increased focus on how the planning system can contribute to achieving net carbon zero, improve health and well-being, and secure positive effects for biodiversity and nature recovery.

Sustainability and addressing climate change are key themes which run through the entire document and it is clear that the climate emergency has been highly influential in shaping the new framework. The COVID-19 pandemic has also influenced NPF4, exposing, as it has, a number of social inequalities which exist across Scotland's urban and rural areas.

NPF4 sets out 33 revised National Planning Policies. These are effectively directions for matters to be covered in revised Local Development Plans but, because it now forms part of the development plan, also include matters which should be considered in the determination of individual planning applications. As such, development proposals will be considered against NPF4 policies in much the same way as those contained within the LDP.

Food Conversation

The next Food Conversation meeting will take place on Friday the 17th of March. If you are interested in joining these meetings, please let us know. An update on the latest meeting will be provided at the Area Partnership.

Community Choices

There are no updates for Community Choices. Should this change, an update on the latest meeting will be provided at the Area Partnership.

Community Empowerment:

Currently, there are no formal Participation Requests being considered within the Cheviot area. SBC is currently working with and advising groups for 7 asset transfer requests.

For information about the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015: [Parts of the Act | Community Empowerment \(Scotland\) Act 2015 | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](#)

Place Making

A place based approach is about understanding the potential of a place and coordinating action to improve outcomes, with community participation at the heart of the process. For information, tools and resources on place based approaches visit [Our Place](#)

Area Partnerships' information pack:

[Cheviot Area Partnership | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](#)

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

Community Councils:

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

[Community Council News](#)

Scottish Borders Council Meetings

[Browse meetings - Scottish Borders Council - Scottish Borders Council \(modern.gov.co.uk\)](#)

Cost of Living Support

[Financial support and advice | Cost of Living Crisis support | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](#)

Debt Advice:

[Citizens Advice Bureau](#)



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Borders Money Worries
App here

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

Covid-19 vaccination programme

<https://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/covid-19-vaccination-programme/>

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/>

General Funding:

<https://fundingscotland.com/>

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

[Community grants and funding | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](#)

[Neighbourhood Support Fund | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](#)

[SBC Enhancement & Welfare Trust](#)

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

<https://www.rcot.co.uk/conserving-energy>

This includes pacing, fatigue management and some ideas about restarting gentle exercise

<https://www.yourcovidrecovery.nhs.uk/>

This covers most aspects, including information from physiotherapy and occupational therapy websites

<https://www.chss.org.uk/advice-line-nurses/>

Phone or email to access their support/advi