

**THEME: ENOUGH MONEY TO LIVE ON**

**Theme lead: Scottish Borders Council**

**Group members: CPP Partners, DWP & CAB**

Outcomes	Actions	Timeframe	Progress/current position
<p>Communities are supported with advice and financial assistance in relation to income maximisation, debt, food, warmth and fuel throughout autumn/winter</p>	<p>Short life multi-agency Partnership Group (including Community Planning Partners) continues to meet to address the current cost of living crisis and provide support and assistance across the Borders to those in need throughout autumn/winter 2022.</p>	<p>Autumn/Winter 2022</p>	<p>SBC Warm &amp; Well Fund has now closed. Grants of up to £2,000 were available to community groups to provide warm spaces in their areas.</p> <p>A total of £22,159.57 was awarded to 17 community organisations. This is lower than previously reported as BAVS accessed funding through the lottery using this in favour of SBC grant funding. This grant totalled £17,801.01 and funded 12 warm spaces.</p> <p>SBC has awarded funding to Breakfast Clubs which are free to access. Total: allocation £60,000.</p> <p>£1.2M Cost of Living Fund continues to allocate funding to support local organisations to provide advice and financial assistance to our local communities. Information in relation to support can be found here: <a href="#">Financial support and advice   Cost of Living Crisis support   Scottish Borders Council (scotborders.gov.uk)</a></p> <p>The Financial Support &amp; Inclusion Team will be increasing resources within the team to help maximise the take up of benefits</p>
<p>The Borders is a more equitable and fair place to work</p>	<p>CPP to work collaboratively to identify barriers and work towards developing a plan to remove them in order to support parents into employment i.e., childcare barrier, transport etc.</p>		<p>Assessment taking place on what is currently in place or planned to identify gaps.</p>

	Partnership to develop plans for paying the living wage – and encouraging contractors and sub-contractors to also do so.		<p>Modern Apprentices working for SBC receiving the living wage as from 1 April 2023.</p> <p>Partners to be asked about the current position and plan.</p>
Build, redirect and retain wealth in the Scottish Borders local economy, and place wealth back into the hands of local people	Explore a partnership approach to Community Wealth Building - CPP partners to work collaboratively to develop community wealth building plans.		<p>A session took place, led Julie McLachlan (Scottish government) by in partnership with D&amp;G CPP to discuss the Community Wealth Building consultation. A response was collated on behalf of the CPP to be presented for approval to the Programme Board on 17/05/23.</p> <p>A pilot of locally-procured energy efficiency retrofit measures in RSL properties has started, led by SoSE.</p> <p>Development of a wider understanding of democratic finance models, including Community Shares &amp; Community Bonds is taking place (SoSE)</p> <p>Commissioning a feasibility study of CWB opportunities arising out of future new forest planting, including enhanced local employment &amp; skills opportunities and options for community benefit (SoSE)</p> <p>Internal organisational development (SoSE) including local procurement, role as project client (Mountain Bike Innovation Centre) and development of a community benefits portal.</p>