
NEIGHBOURHOOD SMALL SCHEMES AND QUALITY OF LIFE

Report by Service Director Neighbourhood Services

TEVIOT & LIDDESDALE AREA FORUM

16 FEBRUARY 2016

1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

- 1.1 **This report seeks approval for the proposed new Neighbourhood and Quality of Life Schemes from the Area Forum and updates the Forum on previously approved Neighbourhood and Quality of Life Schemes.**
- 1.2 The following Neighbourhood Small Schemes have been requested for consideration by the Teviot & Liddesdale members: - provision of parking signs within Hawick Town Centre and installation of CCTV equipment within Common Haugh Car Park.
- 1.3 The following Quality of Life Schemes have been requested for consideration by the Teviot & Liddesdale members: - provision of timber constructed ramp at Silverbuthall, Hawick; contribution to Hawick Welcome Host Initiative and contribution towards electronic sign at the Hub, Burnfoot.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 **I recommend that the Teviot & Liddesdale Area Forum:**

(a) approves the following new Neighbourhood Small Schemes for implementation:-

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| (i) Provision of parking signs within Hawick Town Centre. | £1,400 |
| (ii) Installation of CCTV equipment within Common Haugh Car Park. | £7,900 |

(b) approves the following new Quality of Life Scheme for implementation:-

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| (i) Provision of timber constructed ramp at Silverbuthall, Hawick. | £2,700 |
| (ii) Contribution to Hawick Welcome Host Initiative. | £1,000 |
| (iii) Contribution to the installation of electronic sign at the Hub, Burnfoot. | £3,000 |

- (c) notes the updates on previously approved Neighbourhood Small Schemes as detailed in Appendix A to this report.**
- (d) notes the updates on previously approved Quality of Life Schemes as detailed in Appendix B to this report.**
- (e) agrees to delegate authority to the Service Director Neighbourhood Services to allocate the remaining funds for the current financial year to Quality of Life and Neighbourhood Small Schemes, subject to consultation with, and approval by a majority of members of the Teviot & Liddesdale Area Forum through e-mail.**

3 BACKGROUND

3.1 Elected Members, Community Councils and the public can request potential Neighbourhood or Quality of Life schemes or work to be undertaken by the Neighbourhood squads by contacting the Neighbourhood Area Manager direct. Neighbourhood Operations is contactable via the new Scottish Borders Council telephone number 0300 100 1800, e-mail address – enquiries@scotborders.gov.uk or by writing to Neighbourhood Services, Council Headquarters, Newtown St. Boswells, Melrose TD6 0SA.

The following schemes have been requested for consideration via these routes to enhance the Teviot & Liddesdale Area:-

- (a) Manufacture and install additional parking signs within Hawick Town Centre (£1,400). This request was received from local Ward Councillors.
 - (b) Installation of CCTV equipment within Common Haugh Car Park (£7,900). This request was received from local Ward Councillors.
 - (c) Provision of timber constructed ramp at Silverbuthall, Hawick. This facility is to enable more appropriate access & egress for residents (£2,700). This request was received from local Ward Councillors.
 - (d) Contribution to Hawick Welcome Host Initiative (£1,000). This request was received from local Ward Councillors.
 - (e) Contribution to the installation of electronic speed signs either side at the Hub, Burnfoot (£3,000). This request was received from local Ward Councillors.
- 3.2 Works will be scheduled to meet specific area needs, local timetable and to maximise the overall efficiency of the works programme.
- 3.3 Updates on previously approved Neighbourhood Small Schemes as detailed in Appendix A to this report.
- 3.4 Updates on previously approved Quality of Life Schemes as detailed in Appendix B to this report.

4 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Financial

- (a) A budget of £34,702 is available through Neighbourhood Services for small schemes in the Teviot and Liddesdale area in 2015/16. It has been agreed previously that this budget will be split equally between the Hawick & Hermitage and Hawick & Denholm Wards. If the above schemes are approved, then there will be a remaining budget of £5,032 in Hawick & Hermitage Ward and £4,676 in Hawick & Denholm Ward for future schemes.

Appendix A list up-dates on previously approved Neighbourhood Small Schemes.

- (b) In addition, a budget of £20,000 is available for Quality of Life schemes in the Teviot & Liddesdale Area in 2015/16. It has been agreed previously that this budget will be split equally between the Hawick & Hermitage and Hawick & Denholm Wards. If the above scheme is approved, then there will be a remaining budget of £6,198 in Hawick & Hermitage Ward and £190 in Hawick & Denholm Ward for future schemes.

Appendix B list up-dates on previously approved Quality of Life Schemes.

4.2 Risk and Mitigations

If these budgets are not spent, the local area will not benefit from improvement works being carried out.

The ramp at Silverbuthall is to be constructed on land owned by SBHA. The future use of this land is out with SBC's control and potentially could be a risk for the continued accommodation of this ramp.

The future maintenance of this ramp requires to be funded from the Quality of Life budget. However, there is no guarantee of a Quality of Life budget being available in the future.

4.3 Equalities

The proposals within this report will not have an adverse impact on any of the equality groups - race, disability, age, sexual orientation or religion/belief.

4.4 Acting Sustainably

It is anticipated that there will be a variety of economic, social or environmental benefits arising from the proposed schemes in para 3.1.

4.5 Carbon Management

There are no significant effects anticipated on carbon emissions to the Council by doing or not doing what is proposed.

4.6 Rural Proofing

This report does not relate to new or amended policy or strategy and as a result rural proofing is not an applicable consideration.

4.7 Changes to Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation

There is no change to either the Scheme of Administration or the Scheme of Delegation.

5 CONSULTATION

- 5.1 The Chief Financial Officer, the Monitoring Officer, the Chief Legal Officer, the Chief Officer Audit and Risk, the Chief Officer HR and the Clerk to the Council have been consulted and any comments received will be incorporated in the final report.

Approved by

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Signature

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