

Community-Led Planning in Berwickshire

Report of the BAPPMWG to BAP

Keith Dickinson (Chair of Working Group) 20 November 2023

1. Purpose

To report back on the progress of the Working Group in successfully achieving its brief to develop a support infrastructure for community led planning in Berwickshire. The Working Group has been meeting since early 2022 to provide an oversight in the development of the community led planning process and ensure place making resources and funding are optimised to support Berwickshire communities in an open, fair and transparent way.

2. What's next?

The Working Group propose their activity be succeeded by a community led peer support network which will provide a space for shared learning, support and guidance to communities developing plans for their area. The network would not be exclusive to Berwickshire but rather open all interested communities who would benefit from participation in the network. The network would be convened by Beth Landon from Borders Community Action in her role as Capacity Building Lead for Berwickshire and Cheviot.

3. Recommendations

- a) Note the achievements of the Working Group
- b) Agree to the establishment of a community led peer support network to support communities with ambitions to develop a plan for their area.
- c) Agree a standing agenda item should be introduced to the BAP so that time is available at each meeting to hear from the network and discuss community led developments within the Berwickshire community. Time should also be given to be updated on local place plans and consider themes and actions which can be incorporated in to wider Berwickshire / Borders wide plans. Beth Landon will be the representative for the network and report to the BAP.
- d) Support the flexibility to reconvene the BAPPMWG if there is a need to reactivate its activity in future.