

Additional Information

SBC Current Consultations

Budget Survey 2024/25

Closes: 31 January 2024



We want to take this opportunity to get your feedback on key areas relating to our upcoming 2024/25 budget and also your own views on what our priorities should be under those six themes in the next Council Plan. In completing the survey, please bear in mind that over recent years the rising rate of inflation has had a huge impact on the Council's costs, as have national pay awards (around 50% of our costs are staffing).

Our income, from government, Council Tax (around 20% of our income), and other sources has not kept pace with the increase in costs.

Read more: [Budget Survey 2024/25 - Scottish Borders Council - Citizen Space](#)

Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places

Closes: 12 February 2024



In line with the requirements of Section 18C of the Representation of the People Act 1983, Scottish Borders Council is undertaking a review of polling districts and polling places for use in parliamentary and local elections.

Read more: [Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places 2023 - Scottish Borders Council - Citizen Space](#)

Provision of Early Learning & Childcare (ELC) Parent Consultation

Closes: 10 March 2024



Local Authorities in Scotland are required to consult with parents every 2 years, to support their planning for the delivery of Early Learning and Childcare (ELC). This questionnaire is aimed at parents/carers whose children will access ELC provision in the future and those currently accessing ELC provision. It is also useful for the Council to consult with parents /carers whose children are now at Primary School. If you are responding as a parent/carer who previously accessed ELC provision, please respond to the questions based on your experience.

Read more: [Provision of Early Learning & Childcare \(ELC\) Parent Consultation 2023 - Scottish Borders Council - Citizen Space](#)

Have Your Say - Placemaking and Community Engagement Sign Up



Placemaking is a process of community engagement where the opinions and desires of the community are used to inform the future of the places we live, work and play - and by getting involved and telling us what matters to you, we can make sure the voices of all Scottish Borders residents are heard.

Read more: [Have Your Say - Placemaking and Community Engagement Sign Up - Scottish Borders Council - Citizen Space](#)

Scottish Government Current Consultations

There are currently 16 active Scottish Government consultations:



- Learning Disabilities, Autism and Neurodivergence Bill: consultation
- Ending conversion practices in Scotland: consultation
- Environmental Authorisations (Scotland) Regulations 2018: proposed amendments
- Guidance on inclusive design for town centres and busy streets
- Managing deer for climate and nature: consultation
- Clyde and Hebrides Ferry Services (CHFS3)
- Proposals for a Heat in Buildings Bill: Consultation
- Social Housing Net Zero Standard in Scotland
- Democracy Matters
- Water, wastewater and drainage policy consultation
- Consultation on devolving powers for a Scottish Building Safety Levy
- Wellbeing and Sustainable Development (Scotland) Bill
- Cancer Care: Review of Brain/CNS Cancer Quality Performance Indicators - Consultation
- Bovine viral diarrhoea (BVD): Consultation on phase 6 of the eradication scheme
- Consultation on permanency of certain criminal justice measures from the Coronavirus Recovery and Reform (Scotland) Act 2022 and modernising criminal justice procedures through digital processes
- Care Leaver Payment: Consultation on policy proposals

Please see the Scottish Government website for more information: [Find activities - Scottish Government consultations - Citizen Space](#)

Food Conversations

The Food Conversations meeting on 17 November 2023 had a presentation from Emma Husband (SBC Community Engagement Officer) on the food provision mapping exercise that was carried out by meeting attendees. The mapping exercise allowed an accurate database to be produced and flyers were then distributed through the Scottish Borders to inform local communities of the food provision assistance available.

Attendees took part in breakout rooms to discuss any concerns and/or provision gaps there may be for the winter months. The main concerns from attendees were of an increase in demand and decrease in donations, a lack of staff/volunteers, and the increase in the cost of living for a greater number of people.

The next Food Conversations meeting is on Friday, 23 February 2024, 10am – 12 noon. If you are interested in joining these meetings, please let us know.

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 Eildon locality.

Scottish Borders Council is currently involved in initial Asset Transfer discussions with two community-based groups and advancing discussions with a third community-based group.

For information about the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015: [Community Empowerment \(Scotland\) Act: summary - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](http://www.gov.scot/Community_Empowerment_Scotland_Act_summary)

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

[Eildon Area Partnership | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](http://scotborders.gov.uk/Eildon-Area-Partnership)

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

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 \(moderngov.co.uk\)](http://moderngov.co.uk/Browse-meetings-Scottish-Borders-Council)

Cost of Living Support

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

Debt Advice:

[Citizens Advice Bureau](#)



Download the NHS
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/>

[Grants Online](#)

<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/advice