

THEME: ENOUGH MONEY TO LIVE ON				
Theme lead: Scottish Borders Council		Group members: CPP Partners, DWP & CAB		
Outcomes	Actions	Timeframe	Progress/current position	RAG
Communities are supported with advice and financial assistance in relation to income maximisation, debt, food, warmth and fuel throughout autumn/winter	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.	Autumn/Winter 2022	<p>Communities are supported with advice and financial assistance in relation to income maximisation, debt, food, warmth and fuel throughout autumn/winter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost of Living funding provided to CAB to run a fuel support fund for winter 23/24 to help households in energy crisis • Provisional agreement to provide additional funding to CAB and Scottish Borders Housing Network to extend their energy advisor posts in 24/25 (awaiting updated proposal from the two services which will be circulated around the strategic group for agreement) <p>SBC's Financial Inclusion Team have continued to provide financial assistance through the Scottish Welfare Fund and Inclusion Fund.</p> <p>Borders Community Action is distributing £20k of Lottery funding to support warm hubs across the Borders.</p>	
The Borders is a more equitable and fair place to work	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.,		SBC's Economic Development Team, providing support for parents to access transport and childcare, enabling them to access training and employment opportunities.	

	childcare barrier, transport etc.			
	Partnership to develop plans for paying the living wage – and encouraging contractors and sub-contractors to also do so.			There are 55 employers in the Borders registered as paying the Living Wage. These are a mix of public, private and third sector organisations. In addition to partners previously reported Borders College and NHS Borders are also Living Wage employers.
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>Final figures for the Scottish Government's CWB consultation show a total of 185 responses. 63% of respondents were in favour of the introduction of a CWB duty which combined:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A duty requiring Scottish Ministers and prescribed public sector bodies to embed the CWB model of economic development into their corporate plans and wider strategies; with • A duty requiring those public sector bodies statutorily obliged to be involved in community planning to produce a collective CWB place based strategy and action plan which contains specific actions across the five CWB pillars to advance the CWB model of economic development in their local authority area. <p>86% of respondents felt that a duty should be accompanied by guidance (statutory or non-statutory).</p> <p>The Economic Development Association Scotland is hosting an event focussed on CWB at which Tom Arthur MSP, Minister for Community Wealth & Public Finance, will speak.</p> <p>Work is continuing to explore the opportunity for communities from onshore wind community benefits. Link to news release that was too late to include in the last update: New estimates highlight potential for communities in South of Scotland from onshore wind (southofscotlandenterprise.com)</p>

			Five local organisations have received community benefits through the Edinburgh and South East Scotland Community benefits Portal. A further 10 requests are open.	
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