

Theme: Economy skills and learning					
Priority	Planned Activity	How will the activity be delivered	Project timeline	Who will deliver the project	Progress
To improve rural digital connectivity, accessibility and use of technology	Continue to work with the UK and Scottish Government, Mobile Network Operators and local Partners to develop broadband coverage and wireless based internet services.	Through continuous lobbying with The Scottish and UK Governments and with Mobile Network Operators we have increased and improved 4G coverage over the last 4 years.			Scottish Borders Council has invested £8.4 M in the Digital Scotland Superfast Broadband Programme.
		Engage with the Scottish Governments R100 programme which aims to deliver superfast broadband to all occupied premises by the end of 2021.			We have increased the number of businesses and households who have access to superfast broadband.
Improve the accessibility and reliability of transport services	Public consultation on bus service provision in the Scottish Borders was completed in Autumn 2019	Subsidised bus services on routes; Galashiels – Earlston (Sat, Sun AM) – 61		Passenger Transport SBC	Public consultation on bus service provision in the Scottish Borders was completed in Autumn 2019

		Galashiels – Earlston and St Boswells (Sat evening) – 61/67 Earlston – Stichill and Kelso – 66 Border Weaver - 964			(Bus Users Scotland)
	The viability and affordability of some bus routes is currently being reviewed				
Enhance career advice and career opportunities by promoting modern apprenticeships and vocational training	The creation by Borders College of a physical and digital hub network to provide better access to training in health and social care, renewable energy, engineering and construction skills will improve access for some types of training. It is intended that schools and potentially business premises are part of the digital hub network, ensuring a wide geographic spread of these facilities.	The Council is working with Skills Development Scotland and Borders College to ensure a suitable range of Modern Apprenticeship qualifications are available in the Scottish Borders. Work to establish Foundation Apprenticeship courses is also being taken forward by the CPP partners.		Skills Development Scotland	
				Borders College	
				Developing the Young Workforce	

Increase learning opportunities across a wide range of subjects	Weekly employability drop-in sessions delivered by Works+ for all ages at the Focus Centre in Galashiels	The redevelopment of Galashiels Academy and Earlston Primary School will provide opportunity for increased community use of the campus and lifelong learning opportunities			Lifelong learning and skills development opportunities across a wide range of subjects and vocations are available through Borders College. This includes a rural learning offer which can be accessed s digitally.	
	Family breakfast and activity club at Langlee Early Years Centre, provides healthy food, physical activity opportunities, family activities and family learning sessions.					
	Knowepark Primary School computer coding club open all P5-P7 pupils in the Eildon cluster with a view to open to a wider age range once the club is established	Borders College's physical and digital hub network will provide better access to training in health and social care, renewable energy, engineering and construction skills.				Digital IT suite created in TD1 youth hub to develop young people's IT skills and gain qualifications.
	Learning Community Partnership subgroup are planning an information event for participants who graduate Job Centre Plus courses					

Invest in local, sustainable employment opportunities	The Great Scottish Tapestry visitor centre will provide local employment opportunities	SBC will work with South of Scotland Enterprise to ensure that sites are serviced and available for private sector development and inward investment in future.			
		SBC will work with South of Scotland Enterprise to ensure that modern industrial and office premises are available for business growth and inward investment in future.			
Develop a business/ Community hub model for tech start-ups and small businesses	The Central Borders Innovation Park at Tweedbank will create employment opportunities through the creation of office and industrial space	Scottish Enterprise provides support to businesses			It is anticipated that the level of support and encouragement to businesses to start up, grow or invest in the Scottish

		SBC will provide support to businesses to help them start up and to grow through Business Gateway.			Borders will significantly increase when South of Scotland Enterprise becomes operational in April 2020.
Encourage intergenerational activity and creation of learning hubs in schools, Borders College and community spaces	Borders College's physical and digital hub network will provide better access to training in health and social care, renewable energy, engineering and construction skills.				
Promote Eildon as a visitor destination	There are a number of initiatives and projects being developed to increase tourism in Eildon including The Great Tapestry of Scotland, Galashiels Town Trail, Trimontium Museum, Stow Station House, Walks of Stow, the upgrade of Eildon Hills path and Bird Gardens Scotland	SBC has supported the Selkirk Business Improvement District initiative			The Melrose 7's event has been supported by SBC to grow and attract more visitors to the area.
		SBC working with Melrose RFC to expand the potential of Melrose 7's into a multi-day, international event.			Borders Book festival has grown nationally and internationally

		<p>The Council will work with community organisations to develop new signage and a refreshed town trail in Galashiels.</p>		<p>Midlothian and Borders Tourism Action Group</p>	
		<p>Continue to develop the “Scotland Starts Here” app.</p> <p>The Scotland Starts Here app connects visitors to Midlothian & The Scottish Borders. Connecting people to places makes for a more memorable experience and helps people experience, not just observe – it is our culture</p>			

Theme: Health, Care and Wellbeing					
Priority	Planned Activity	How will the activity be delivered	Project timeline	Who will deliver the project	Progress
Increase the range and accessibility of community activities to encourage a reduction in drug and alcohol use in the Eildon locality	Develop the Learning Community Partnership's understanding of referral routes to support people they work with	ALISS (A Local Information System for Scotland) is helping increase the availability of health and wellbeing information across the Scottish Borders.		Alcohol Drugs Partnership	The Learning Community Partnership subgroup hosted Scottish Families 'Power of Communities' conference
	The Learning Community Partnership subgroup plans to hold an alcohol free 'DryFest' event to celebrate the recovery community and develop reintegration approaches within the local community			Galashiels Learning Community Partnership subgroup	Freedom to Change event delivered by Galashiels Learning Community Partnership & Alcohol Drugs Partnership. Event looked at the lived-experience of family members and people in recovery.

	Launch of resource pack on drugs, alcohol and tobacco intervention and prevention for Primary and Secondary Schools.				<p>online package of resources was launched on Thursday 7th November 2019 for teachers across Scottish Borders Schools (Primary and Secondary) on drugs, alcohol and tobacco education and prevention. The resources are available on the schools intranet system (Glow).</p> <p>A short term working group reviewed current resources and has developed and implemented a robust evidenced based programme which will be delivered across all Scottish borders school</p>
Increase the range of care and support options available	Establishment of an integrated Eildon Community Mental Health Team	What Matters Hubs established in Ettrick, Yarrow and Galashiels		Health and social care partnership	

	Implementation of the Scottish Borders Mental Health Strategy	Community and Day Hospitals review to improve patient care and support care closer to home.			
	Community Connection link workers to be introduced across all Localities	New centralised service matching requests for care at home provision with home care providers		Social work	

Increase the availability of locally based rehabilitation service	Live Borders deliver 'Health and Fitness' Programmes in Eildon	Supporting the further development of transitional care beds within Waverly Care Home (Chief Social Work Officer)			
Improve the availability and accessibility of services for people living in rural areas	What Matters Hubs established in Ettrick, Yarrow and Galashiels	Redesign Eildon Integrated Health and Social Care team			
	Identify possible transport solutions in Eildon				
Increase the range of housing options	Increase the availability of affordable housing throughout Eildon	Creation of timeframe for the delivery of Extra Care Housing Development within Eildon		SBC Economic Development	The Council and its partners are confident that they are on track to deliver 213 new homes over the Strategic Local Programme (SLP) for the period 2018-2019 89 of these are in the Eildon locality
		Local Housing Strategy 2017-2022 to address housing, care and support needs of older people			

Reduce the number of people admitted to hospital with drug and alcohol related problems	produce a local alcohol profile	Strengthen local arrangements for early intervention across adult services		Alcohol and Drugs Partnership	
	Implement model for reducing drug related deaths			Galashiels Learning Community Partnership	
Reduce the number of people attending the Borders General Hospital on multiple occasions	Redesign Eildon Integrated Health and Social Care team	support a community based Out of Hospital Care model			
	Pilot of Anticipatory Care Plans at Currie Road Health Centre				
	Developing 'Step Up; transitional care beds within Waverly Care Home				

Support people to make informed health and lifestyle choices	Local Area Co-ordination Team are supporting Eildon residents to make connections with local groups and activities	What Matters Hubs established in Ettrick, Yarrow and Galashiels			
	Nurture the Borders are delivering a programme of activities to support new parents				

Theme: Quality of Life					
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Create safe areas for young and provide leisure facilities that are accessible and affordable	Interest Link will develop 5 volunteer befriending groups for children, young people and adults with learning disabilities				

	Engagement with the Local Policing Teams will help to maintain safe areas and discourage anti-social behaviour and crime.	The Community Action Team (CAT) is operating in Eildon. Deployment of the CAT has already extended to Parks and other open space areas where young people frequent.			
	Children's outdoor equipment to be installed in Glendinning Primary School	Learning Community Partnership subgroup are developing a strategy for working with young people not in school			New multi-use ball wall installed in Newtown Primary School playground
					Children's outdoor equipment installed in Burgh Primary School playground
Revise transport provision to improve connectivity and reduce rural isolation		An E-car scheme will provide an opportunity for residents to hire an e-car for their journey			Passengers are now able to travel on Etrick & Yarrow school buses

Strengthen partnership working	Learning Community Partnership subgroup to develop a Charter of Kindness	Public and third sector partners work together to deliver community learning		Galashiels Learning Community Partnership	
Improve communication of 'what's on'	A Galashiels Network for grassroots community groups is planned to start in 2020	ALISS (A Local Information System for Scotland) is helping increase the availability of health and wellbeing information.			Rural consultations have been completed to identify need in the local communities
		Locality Co-ordination team helping to connect people to local activities and groups (SBC)			
		Red Cross have mapped activities and groups and attend What Matters Hubs which is helping to connect people to local activities and groups			
Carry out more community mapping					Galashiels Learning Community Partnerships have completed this and identifies local need

Help older people to feel safe within their community	Engagement with the Local Policing Teams will help to maintain safe areas for older people and discourage anti-social behaviour and crime.	SBC social media is used to promote crime prevention			
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Theme: Environment and Place					
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Develop attractions within the countryside to encourage visitors to the area	Upgrade of the Macfie Hall, Heriot to provide fit for purpose facilities which can be used for a wide range of activities	Public responses on the Main Issues Report have been gathered and have been used to inform the Local Development Plan				Earlston Paths group have purchased new equipment to maintain the network of paths
	Refurbishment of Stable Life's indoor school which will be used for staging competitions					Stable life received Localities Bid Funding
Reduce fuel poverty	Home Energy Efficiency Programmes are available in Eildon to help make homes warmer and more comfortable	Social landlords to achieve a set energy efficiency rating for households based on the housing type and fuel type used				
Development of town and village centres	The redevelopment of the historic Hammerman Hall in Selkirk will be in line with recent town centre improvement scheme					

	The redevelopment of a derelict property in Selkirk town centre in to a Selkirk Community Energy Centre which will also be available for community use.				
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