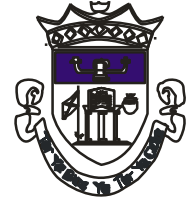# Hawick Community Council

Residents feedback sought for Review of Community Council Scheme

Scottish Borders Council launched its consultation on the Review of Community Council Scheme 2025 on 24 January, seeking feedback from residents in the Scottish Borders with suggestions on how the Community Council Scheme and Handbook can be improved.

The review will allow residents in the Borders to provide their feedback on the Scheme and handbooks for the 69 Community Councils in the area. All local authorities must provide a Scheme for Community Councils, which outlines their governance arrangement and includes details of the Community Council areas.

The public consultation will run for three months from 24 January until 23 April 2025. The review can be completed online via Citizen Space.   Residents can also feedback in writing by accessing hard copies of the consultation at contact centres or by contacting Scottish Borders Council Democratic Services, Council HQ, Newton St Boswells, Melrose, TD6 0SA

Community Councils are voluntary organisations set up by statute by the local authority and run by local residents to act on behalf of the area. To remain current, and reflect good practice, it is important that the Scheme is reviewed.

Further information about the Scottish Borders Community Council Scheme and the Community Council Handbook is available online at www.scotborders.gov.uk/elections-voting/community-council-scheme

The consultation period ends on 23 April 2025 at 5.00pm.

Community Councils were first established in Scotland following the 1973 Act and the subsequent Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act, 1994, which produced the current system of unitary local authorities and made provision for the continuation of community councils.

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