TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION

Scottish Borders Council
Commitment to improving town centres & supporting local high streets

Selkirk Community
Heritage / town centre aspirations

Historic Scotland
Building / Area Regeneration focus, based on “Heritage Assets”
HISTORIC SCOTLAND / CARS

CONSERVATION AREA REGENERATION SCHEME

Area Based Regeneration Scheme with 5 key elements
- Priority buildings (grants)
- Small properties grant scheme
- Heritage Learning & Participation programme
- Public realm enhancements
- Project administration

- 5 year delivery programme
- Designated conservation area / CARS area
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- Common Fund of £1,010,000 from which grants are distributed
  - Historic Scotland (£795,000)
  - Scottish Borders Council (£215,000)

- Matched with contributions from property owners

- Managed by a Partnership Steering Group/ SBC with a dedicated Project Officer

- Additional funding of £350,000 from SBC for related improvement works project to Market Place
BREAKDOWN OF COMPONENTS
Proposed CARS Area

PRIORITY BUILDINGS
1 Former Court House
2 1 Tower Street
3 Auld Kirk
4 Former Coop (High Street / Chapel Street)
5 Quoos Head
6 Scott’s Close
7 The Fleece

MARKET PLACE – PUBLIC REALM
## Proposed CARS Timescales

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Possible Priority Building Projects currently identified:

- Former Sir Walter Scott Court House
- 1 Tower Street
- Former Queens Head Pub
- Auld Kirk
- Scott’s Close
- Fleece Hotel
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Grants to Property Owners
- Older properties within defined CARS area
- Grant aid for traditional repairs & restoration works
- Normal maintenance work is not eligible

Kelso Examples

Before and after
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Heritage Learning & Participation Opportunities

- Working Group & draft Action Plan established
- Working with Schools - Discover Selkirk
  – Origins of Selkirk (Pre-historic, Early Medieval) & Royal Burgh
  – Literary & Creative Selkirk
  – Industrial Heritage of Selkirk
- Learning projects – younger/ older people
- Traditional skills training & career development

- Update town trail & possible mill heritage trail
- Exhibitions & collections programme
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Public Realm improvements focused around Market Place
Wider Regeneration Opportunities/ Links

– Legacy of Scott links to Abbotsford House
– The Haining Estate
– Selkirk Pop Up Shop Initiative
– Artists / craftworkers
– Physical Links to Borders Railway
– Flodden 2013
– Philiphaugh Estate
– Ettrick & Yarrow Valleys Project
– Events - Scotts Selkirk/ YES Festival
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Next Steps……

Early Summer
- Finalise legal agreement with Historic Scotland
- Update potential Priority Property Owners
- Form 1st Year Action Plan

Autumn
- Form Learning & Participation Plan
- Recruitment of Project Officer
- Formal Local Launch of Project