

## Community-led Planning Update

### November 2024



Following our pilot project supporting communities to develop Local Place Plans (LPPs) in Berwickshire and Cheviot, [we made a series of recommendations](#) to Scottish Borders Council regarding our involvement going forward, including:

- Training provision
- Co-hosting the peer support network
- Retaining a pot of funding for distribution to groups leading on the development of Local Place Plans.

We are now able to update you that unfortunately, there are no funds available to support our recommendations. Going forward SBC Communities and Partnerships and Planning teams will take the lead on supporting the development of [Local Place Plans](#) (LPP). Although we are disappointed, we understand that these are difficult times nationally for funding. We will of course continue to advocate for the proper resourcing of Local Place Plan development at every opportunity, as we understand how vital this is to enable this important work on behalf of your communities.

The evidence from the pilot demonstrates that it provided a strong boost to support communities wishing to take up the invitation to develop an LPP and it is our hope that the resources and connections developed through the pilot will continue to contribute to a roadmap for this process. Our [community-led planning webpages](#) remain on our website as a legacy of the project, please do make use of them, in particular our [guide to Local Place Plans](#), our [overview](#) of what community-led planning is about and our [reviews of Local place Plans](#) from around Scotland.

Also watch out for a new set of video resources available on our website soon! These were recorded in August and feature a conversation between Beth Landon (Borders Community Action), Paul Nelis ([Scottish Community Development Centre](#)) and Nick Wright ([Nick Wright Planning](#)) on understanding LPPs.

Borders Community Action will continue to offer support to groups involved in community-led planning as we do with all other community groups, with governance, funding applications and signposting to relevant information, for example on community engagement.