

By email:  
Walkerburn and District Community  
Council

**Please ask for:**

**Our Ref:**

**Your Ref:**

**E-Mail:**

**Date:**

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2 June 2025

Dear [REDACTED]

## **PARTICIPATION REQUEST UNDER THE COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2015**

### **DECISION NOTICE - AGREED**

This Decision Notice relates to the participation request made by Walkerburn and District Community Council (WDCC) on 21 April 2025 in relation to improving the flow of communication between WDCC and Scottish Borders Council (SBC) during the consultation on early learning provision in Walkerburn.

We propose that the outcome improvement process will operate as follows:

- SBC will work with WDCC to ensure that future consultations relating to early years provision are communicated clearly and inclusively.
- Whilst the working group on SBC's early learning and childcare (including the mothballing policy) will not be specific to Walkerburn, SBC will ensure that a representative of the Walkerburn community is considered for co-option into the group or invited to contribute to its work where relevant, particularly where local insight can inform broader policy development.

As the community participation body that made the participation request, we expect your group to participate in the proposed process as follows:

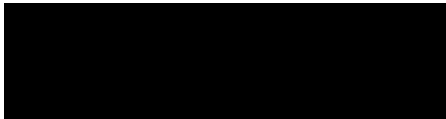
- Work in partnership with Walkerburn Primary School Parent Council and any other relevant organisation or individual with an interest in early years provision in Walkerburn.

Your group is entitled to make written submissions in relation to modifying the proposed outcome improvement process. Any such submissions must be made within 28 days of the date of this decision notice. If you suggest any modifications to the process, we will contact you within 56 days of the date of this decision notice with details of the outcome improvement process that will be established.

We will publish a copy of this decision notice (excluding your name and address), and information about the outcome improvement process, on Scottish Borders Council's website at [www.scotborders.gov.uk/participationrequests](http://www.scotborders.gov.uk/participationrequests).

If you have any questions about the participation request process please contact the Communities and Partnerships Team at [communityengagement@scotborders.gov.uk](mailto:communityengagement@scotborders.gov.uk) or by telephone on 07977 642053 or 01835 824000.

Yours sincerely,



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