

Minute of Meeting

Cabinet
Tuesday 22 May 2018
Item No.4.1



Cabinet

Date	Time	Venue
10 April 2018	11.00 am	Council Chambers, Midlothian House, Buccleuch Street, Dalkeith

Present:

Councillor Milligan - Convener	
Councillor Muirhead – Depute Convener	
Councillor Imrie	
Councillor Curran	
Councillor Hackett	

Religious Representatives:

Victor Bourne	

1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr Matin Khan.

2 Order of Business

The Order of Business was as outlined in the Agenda.

3 Declarations of interest

No declarations of interest were received.

4 Minutes of Previous Meetings

The Minutes of Meeting of the Cabinet held on 27 February 2018 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

5. Reports

Agenda No	Report Title	Submitted by:
5.1	School Session Dates for the Academic Year 2019/20	Head of Education
Outline of report and summary of discussion		
<p>There was submitted report by the Head of Education highlighting that the authority was required to set school session dates each year with regard to statutory attendance.</p> <p>The report highlighted that consultation had been undertaken with the appropriate teaching unions, schools and Parent Councils to draw up a scheme of session dates for Midlothian schools for the academic year 2019/20. The proposed scheme for 2019/20 was attached as an Appendix to the report.</p> <p>It was also highlighted that officers from Edinburgh, East Lothian and Midlothian Councils endeavoured to synchronise session dates wherever possible bearing in mind some differences in local holidays. Grace Vickers was heard in amplification of the report.</p>		
Decision		
Agreed the school session dates for 2019/20 as set out in the appendix attached to the report.		

Agenda No	Report Title	Submitted by:
5.2	Pupil Equity Fund	Head of Education
Outline of report and summary of discussion		
There was a report dated 1 March 2018 by the Head of Education highlighting that the Pupil Equity Funding was additional funding from the Scottish Government's £750m Attainment Scotland Fund, allocated directly to schools and targeted at		

closing the poverty related attainment gap. This funding was to be spent at the discretion of Head Teachers working in partnership with each other and their local authority. In 2017/18, Scotland's schools received a share of over £120 million, and in 2018/19 this had been increased to over £122 million. Grace Vickers was heard in amplification of the report.

Decision

Cabinet:

- (a) Noted the Pupil Equity Fund allocation for Midlothian.
- (b) Recognised the valuable work done by the Newbattle Learning Community for their high quality presentation at the national PEF event.
- (c) Noted that, as stated in the national guidance, the Head Teacher would be accountable to their local authority for the use of Pupil Equity Funding within their school. To ensure transparency, schools would be expected to incorporate details of their Pupil Equity Funding plans into existing reporting processes to their Parent Council and Forum, including in their School Improvement Plans and Standards and Quality Reports. These reports should be publicly available so that parents can understand what was happening in their school.
- (d) Noted that ongoing progress would be reported through the quarterly reporting cycle and the attainment reports which are presented to Council each year in May and December.

Agenda No	Report Title	Submitted by:
6.1	Inspection of Newbyres Village Care Home	Head of Adult Services

Outline of report and summary of discussion

There was a report presented by the Joint Director of Health and Social Care which outlined the outcome of the inspection of Newbyres Village Care Home as carried out by the Care Inspectorate on 19 January 2018. The report had previously been distributed to all Elected Members and Church Representatives on the Cabinet for their information.

The evaluations noted below were highlighted to the Committee and it was reported that this is the first time since opening that Newbyres had achieved grade 5's.

Quality of Care and Support	5 – Very Good
Quality of Staffing	5 – Very Good
Quality of Management and Leadership	5 – Very Good
Quality of Environment	5 – Very Good

Also highlighted was the particular strengths as indicated by the Inspection Team and there were no areas for improvement identified. The Joint Director of Health and Social Care was heard in amplification of the report after which Several Members commented on the excellent work undertaken by the Director and his staff which had resulted in such a positive report.

Decision

Cabinet:

- (a) Considered and noted the content of the inspection report.
- (b) Congratulated the carers and staff connected with Newbyres Care Village on the key strengths highlighted in the report and noted the significant improvement journey that had been made.
- (c) Passed the report to the Performance, Review and Scrutiny Committee for consideration.

Agenda No	Report Title	Presented by:
6.2	Inspection of Housing Support Services in Polton Centre and Pentland House HMO	Head of Customer and Housing Services

Outline of report and summary of discussion

There was a report presented by the Joint Director of Health and Social Care which outlined the outcome of the inspection carried out by the Care Inspectorate at the Council's temporary accommodation for homeless Households on 13 November 2017. The Polton Centre opened early in 2017 to re-use the former Midfield Young Peoples accommodation as this re-provisioning provided a direct alternative to Bed & Breakfast accommodation for homeless households. Pentland House was opened in Penicuik in the Summer, 2017 to also re-use of that building as an alternative to Bed & Breakfast accommodation, which significantly reduced the need for Midlothian Council to use B&Bs and these facilities also provide localised services for homeless households and support into education, training or employment. The report had been distributed to all Elected Members and Church Representatives on the Cabinet for their information.

The evaluations for Polton Centre and Pentland House HMO noted below were highlighted to the Committee:

Quality of Care and Support	4 – Good
Quality of Staffing	4 – Good
Quality of Management and Leadership	4 – Good

A recommendation from the Care Inspectorate was that the service should continue to review the staffing levels at both locations as the service becomes more established, to ensure people's needs are met.

Decision

Cabinet:

- (a) Noted the content and recommendation in the inspection report.
- (b) Referred the report to the Performance, Review and Scrutiny Committee.

Agenda No	Report Title	Submitted by:						
6.3	Inspection of Shared Lives Midlothian	Head of Adult Services						
Outline of report and summary of discussion								
<p>There was a report presented by the Joint Director of Health and Social Care which outlined the outcome of the inspection of Shared Lives (Midlothian) as carried out by the Care Inspectorate on 29 November 2017. Shared Lives (Midlothian) provides Adult Placement services to a number of adults with mild to moderate learning disabilities within Midlothian. The report had been distributed to all Elected Members and Church Representatives on the Cabinet for their information.</p> <p>The evaluations for Shared Lives noted below were highlighted to the Committee:</p> <table border="1"> <tbody> <tr> <td>Quality of Care and Support</td> <td>5 – Very Good</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Quality of Staffing</td> <td>Not assessed</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Quality of Management and Leadership</td> <td>5 – Very Good</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Also highlighted was the particular strengths indicated by the inspection team and the areas for improvement agreed between Shared Lives and the Care Inspectorate as detailed in the report.</p> <p>Thereafter the Joint Director of Health and Social Care was heard in amplification of the report.</p>			Quality of Care and Support	5 – Very Good	Quality of Staffing	Not assessed	Quality of Management and Leadership	5 – Very Good
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Quality of Staffing	Not assessed							
Quality of Management and Leadership	5 – Very Good							
Decision								
<p>Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Noted the content of the inspection report; (b) Congratulated the carers and staff connected with Shared Lives Midlothian on the key strengths and areas for improvement highlighted in the report. (c) Passed the report on to the Performance, Review and Scrutiny Committee for consideration. 								

Agenda No	Report Title	Presented by:
6.4	Inspection of Midlothian Council Care at Home Service Housing Support Services in Polton Centre and Pentland House HMO	Joint Director of Health and Social Care
Outline of report and summary of discussion		
<p>There was a report submitted by Joint Director, Health and Social Care dated providing an update on the action plan for the service improvements for Midlothian Council Care at Home Service.</p>		
Decision		
Cabinet noted the content of the report and progress made.		

Exclusion of Members of the Public

In view of the nature of the business to be transacted, the Cabinet agreed that the public be excluded from the meeting during discussion of the undernoted items, as contained in the Addendum hereto, as there might be disclosed exempt information as defined in paragraphs 4, 6 and 11 of Part I of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973:-

Agenda No	Report Title	Submitted by:
7.1	2020 Vision for Early Years, Early Learning and Childcare Expansion Plan March 2018 Revision	Head of Education
Decision		
Cabinet: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Noted the content of this report regarding the submission of the revised Financial Template on the expansion of Early Learning and Childcare to 1140 hours to the Scottish Government.• Authorised officers to progress with the implementation of the expansion in Early Learning and Childcare and to submit an updated plan to Council when the distribution of the multi-year funding was confirmed and the plan had been revised to align with the funding.		

Agenda No	Report Title
7.2	Minutes of Meeting of the Midlothian Joint Consultative Group of 6 February 2018
Decision	
Noted	

Agenda No	Report Title
7.3	Minute of Education Appointment Committee of 28 March 2018 – Head Teacher King’s Park Primary School
Decision	
Cabinet approved the recommendations as detailed in the report.	

Agenda No	Report Title
7.4	Minute of Education Appointment Committee of 28 March 2018 – Head Teacher Danderhall Primary School
Decision	
Cabinet approved the recommendations as detailed in the report.	

Agenda No	Report Title	Presented by:
7.5	Minute of Education Appointment Committee of 28 March 2018 – Depute Head Teacher Saltersgate School	
Decision		
Cabinet approved the recommendations as detailed in the report.		

The meeting terminated at 11.43am