

**East Lothian and Midlothian Public Protection Committee Annual Report
2017-2018****Report by Alison White, Head of Adult Social Care and Chief Social Work
Officer****1 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1. This report introduces the East Lothian and Midlothian Public Protection Committee annual report 2017-2018, which was agreed by the joint Critical Services Oversight Group on 23 October 2018.

2 Background

- 2.1. The East Lothian and Midlothian Public Protection Committee is a strategic partnership, bringing together responsibility for our inter-agency approach to Adult Support and Protection; Child Protection; Violence Against Women and Girls; and Offender Management.
- 2.2. The chair of the Public Protection committee prepares an annual report to outline some of the core work and achievements of the committee during the preceding year. The annual report also identifies areas of priority for the current year.

3 Report Implications**3.1. Resource**

There are no identified additional resource implications at this time.

3.2. Risk

The Public Protection Committee and the Public Protection Office contributes to addressing corporate risk and supports the quality and standards associated with public protection activity. There is no specific organisational or individual risk attached to the contents of this report.

3.3. Single Midlothian Plan and Business Transformation

Themes addressed in this report:

- ☒ Community safety
- ☒ Adult health, care and housing
- ☒ Getting it right for every Midlothian child
- ☐ Improving opportunities in Midlothian
- ☐ Sustainable growth
- ☐ Business transformation and Best Value
- ☐ None of the above

3.4. Impact on Performance and Outcomes

The Public Protection Committee revised its' performance framework in March 2018, which includes performance data, quality assurance, self-evaluation and improvement planning.

3.5. Adopting a Preventative Approach

The Public Protection Committee takes a preventative approach to the assessment and management of risk to individuals through fulfilling its' primary functions, including performance and quality improvement; communication and engagement; and learning and development.

3.6. Involving Communities and Other Stakeholders

The East Lothian and Midlothian Public Protection Committee involves our workforce, community and other stakeholders where possible. This is taken forward through established partnership arrangements and our communication and engagement strategy.

3.7. Ensuring Equalities

An Equalities Impact Assessment is not currently required as no policy or people changes have been identified.

3.8. Supporting Sustainable Development

Multi-agency staff are based in a joint team. Opportunities are sought to streamline services with less meetings and consequently less travel between bases.

3.9. IT Issues

This report does not highlight any IT issues

4. Summary

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5 Recommendations

Council is asked to note the contents of the East Lothian and Midlothian Public Protection Committee annual report 2017-2018 and to comment as necessary.

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Background Papers:

East Lothian and Midlothian Public Protection Committee annual report 2017-2018 (attached)