

Cabinet Action Log

Cabinet
 Tuesday, 5 March 2024
 Item 4.2



No	Date of Meeting	Item No and Title	Action	Action Owner	Expected completion date	Comments
1	30/05/2023	5.5 Place Annual Performance Report 2022/23	Mr Oliver will provide feedback to Councillor McKenzie on the planting of Bamboo in schools	Derek Oliver	Completed	Mr Oliver provided an update advising that in the past they were using non-invasive species in the past but recently using Willow Salix for school playgrounds. Recommended for closure
2	05/09/2023	5.3 Corporate Solutions Q1 Performance Report 2023/24	Further work on reaching out to small businesses	Derek Oliver	Ongoing	The Business Gateway team continue to promote localised procurement with clients, encouraging registration with the Supplier Development Programme and Public Contracts Scotland (PCS). The team actively encourage businesses to register with the Supplier Development Programme Economic Development continues to promote the Midlothian Business Green Pledge. 82 businesses have committed to the Pledge with 16 of those signing up during quarter 3. The team continue to work with pledgers to identify the best platform for group sharing and on learning opportunities, support and funding.

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3	05/09/2023	5.7 Lawfield Primary School Inspection Report	That a further report would be presented to Cabinet within 6 months on the progress made	Michelle Strong	March 2024	Recommend moving to 23 April 2024: School due to be reinspected at end February 2024, and a report will be presented to Cabinet at its meeting of 23 April 2024.
4	24/10/2023	5.6 Midlothian Council Statutory Report to Scottish Ministers on Public Bodies Climate Change Duties 202223	To write to Scottish Government to highlight what Midlothian Council is doing in relation to climate change.	Derek Oliver	Completed	Statutory report submitted detailing activity. The ambitious strategy sets out how we will reduce our greenhouse gas emissions, encourage and work with others in our community to mitigate and adapt to changing climate. The strategy incorporates an action plan with a number of initiatives and ongoing programmes which together are helping to reduce our emissions and carbon footprint. SG Ministerial visits to Passivhaus project and also the official opening of The Net Zero Home set within The Energy Training Academy's training centre at the council's Hardengreen Industrial Estate in Dalkeith. The academy operates as a social enterprise and the Council is one of the original supporters of this initiative as the unique property revolves around three primary objectives: upskilling engineers and tradespeople, addressing the retrofitting challenges in the current built

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						environment and providing energy efficiency education for youngsters with the aim of inspiring them to pursue careers in renewables.