

Minute of Meeting

Midlothian Council
Tuesday, 7 May 2024
Item No 5.1



Special Meeting of Midlothian Council

Date	Time	Venue
26 March 2024	10.30 am	Council Chambers, Midlothian House, Dalkeith/Microsoft Teams

Present:

Provost McCall (Chair)	Councillor Bowen (Depute Provost)
Councillor Parry (Council Leader)	Councillor Cassidy (Depute Leader)
Councillor Alexander	Councillor Bowen
Councillor Curran	Councillor Drummond
Councillor Imrie	Councillor McEwan
Councillor McKenzie	Councillor Milligan
Councillor Pottinger	Councillor Russell
Councillor Scott	Councillor Small
Councillor Virgo	Councillor Winchester

In attendance:

Dr Grace Vickers, Chief Executive	Kevin Anderson, Executive Director Place
Michelle Strong, Education Chief Operating Officer	Morag Barrow, Joint Director Health and Social Care
Alan Turpie, Legal and Governance Manager / Monitoring Officer	David Gladwin, Chief Financial Officer (Section 95 Officer)
Saty Kaur, Chief Officer Corporate Solutions	Anne-Theresa Lawrie, Religious Representative
Janet Ritchie, Democratic Services Officer	Lucy Roddie, Democratic Services Officer
	Hannah Forbes, Assistant Democratic Services Officer

1. Welcome and Apology for Absence

The Provost welcomed everyone to the meeting, advising that this meeting was a public meeting and would be webcast live to the internet.

2. Order of Business

As per the agenda previously circulated

3. Declarations of interest

None received.

4. Deputations

No items for discussion.

5. Minutes of Previous Meetings

No items for discussion.

6. Question to the Leader of the Council

No items for discussion.

7. Notices of Motion

No items for discussion.

8. Reports

Report No.	Report Title	Report by:
8.1	Review of the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils	Report by Fiona Robertson, Executive Director Children, Young People & Partnerships
Outline of report and summary of discussion		
<p>The purpose of this report was to approve a public consultation on a revision of the Midlothian Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils. This is required to reflect changes in policy since 2014 and to update the Scheme to reflect the amended Model Scheme for Community Councils.</p> <p>Councillor Smail declared that their wife was a member of the community council and the Legal and Governance Manager/Monitoring Officer confirmed that as this report covers all community councils a declaration of interest is not required.</p>		

The Education Chief Operating Officer presented this paper on behalf of Executive Director Children, Young People & Partnerships. The Education Chief Operating Officer provided a brief overview of the report and highlighted the significant changes that have taken place since 2014.

The Education Chief Operating Officer advised that the initial draft will be circulated for consideration by the Community Councils, third sector groups and stakeholders and that any feedback will inform amendments and any amendments will require further consultation prior to approval.

Councillor Parry commented positively on the report, stating they looked forward to the feedback from community councils and took the opportunity to express thanks to all community councils for the hard work given to communities.

Councillor Parry, seconded by Councillor Scott moved the report.

The Legal and Governance Manager/Monitoring Officer advised that under Section 53 of the Local Scotland Act a Special meeting of Council requires two thirds of the committee to approve – the Council unanimously approved the report.

Decision

The Council unanimously approved an 8-week public consultation on the revised Scheme for the Establishment of Community Council

The meeting concluded at 10.36am.