

Minute of Meeting

General Purposes Committee
Tuesday 14 November 2023
Item 4.1



General Purposes Committee

Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday 3 October 2023	10.00 am	Council Chambers/Hybrid

Present:

Councillor Virgo (Chair)	Councillor Cassidy
Councillor Bowen	Councillor Drummond
Councillor Imrie	Councillor Parry
Councillor Milligan	Councillor Russell
Councillor Pottinger	Councillor Scott
Councillor Small	Councillor Winchester
Councillor McManus	

In attendance:

Alan Turpie, Legal and Governance Manager / Monitoring Officer
Derek Oliver, Chief Officer Place
Edel Ryan, Senior Manager Protective
Marc Copland
Gary Leadbetter, Democratic Services Officer
Lucy Roddie, Democratic Services Officer
Hannah Forbes, Assistant Democratic Services Officer

1. Welcome and Apologies

Councillor Virgo, the Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting of the General Purposes Committee.

Apologies were intimated on behalf of Councillors Alexander, McKenzie, McCall and Curran.

2. Order of Business

The order of business was as set out on the agenda bar Item 5.1 which was withdrawn prior to the meeting.

Legal and Governance Manager / Monitoring Officer, Alan Turpie, noted that there was a technical issue with the Council's website which meant that the agenda was not published within the correct timescales. Therefore, in terms of Sch. 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 the Chair is required to allow consideration of the Reports as a matter of urgent business. Alan confirmed that all parties had been provided with the Reports. Alan further confirmed that there was no inconvenience to members of the public or applicants.

The Chair confirmed that the reports could be considered as urgent business.

3. Declarations of interest

Councillor Milligan declared an interest in Item 6.3 as they knew the applicant.

4. Minute of Previous Meeting

The Minute of the Meeting of 7 February 2023 was submitted for approval. Councillor Pottinger moved the Minute as a correct record and Councillor McEwan seconded.

The Private Addendum to the Minute of the Meeting of 7 February 2023 was submitted and unanimously approved as a correct record.

Councillor Milligan clarified that Councillor Pottinger had not been in attendance at the previous meeting and so moved the Minute as a correct record. Councillor McEwan still seconding.

5. Public Reports

Item 5.1 – Midlothian Council Short Term Lets (STL) Licensing Policy – Annual Review and Proposed Amendments was withdrawn prior to the meeting.

Exclusion of Members of the Public

In view of the nature of the business to be transacted, the Committee agreed that the public be excluded from the meeting during discussion of the undernoted item, as contained in the Addendum hereto, as there might be disclosed exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3, 6 and 14 of Part I of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973:-

6. Private Reports

- 6.1** Short-Terms Let Licensing – Determination of a Licence Application - Bilston
- 6.2** Short-Terms Let Licensing – Determination of a Licence Application - Dalkeith
- 6.3** Applications for Consideration Summary Report 03 October 2023

7. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday, 14 November 2023.