

**Proposed change to Service Priority – Communities and Support****Report by John Blair, Director, Resources****1 Purpose of Report**

The purpose of this report is to bring to the Cabinet's attention a recommendation from the Performance Review and Scrutiny Committee, that the Cabinet reverse its decision to revise the target in respect the percentage of PPP maintenance issues that are addressed within timescale, from 100% to 90%.

**2 Background**

- 2.1** The Cabinet on 27 August 2013 adopted the recommendation that the target percentage of PPP maintenance issues that are addressed within timescale be reduced from 100% to 90%. The recommendation was based on the fact that it is unrealistic to have a target of 100% as there will always be unexpected issues that will result in downtime.
- 2.2** The Performance Review and Scrutiny Committee, whilst accepting that downtime situations will arise, saw no benefit to the Council in reducing the target and felt that maintaining the target at 100% accorded with the service priority in ensuring that children had the best start in life by focusing on prevention and early intervention to address barriers to progress and to deliver effective outcomes. The Committee also noted that the Council was on target in the current year to achieve the 100% target. The Committee accordingly recommended that the Cabinet reverse its decision of 27 August 2013 and reinstate the 100% target.

**3 Report Implications****3.1 Resource**

There are no resource implications arising from this report.

**3.2 Risk**

Not applicable

**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 reinstatement of the 100% target accords with the existing level of performance.

### **3.5 Adopting a Preventative Approach**

Not applicable

### **3.6 Involving Communities and Other Stakeholders**

Not applicable

### **3.7 Ensuring Equalities**

Not applicable

### **3.8 Supporting Sustainable Development**

Not applicable

### **3.9 IT Issues**

None

## **4 Recommendations**

The Cabinet is invited to consider the recommendation of the Performance Review and Scrutiny Committee.

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#### **Background Papers:**

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