

MINUTES of SPECIAL MEETING of the MIDLOTHIAN PERFORMANCE REVIEW

AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE held in the Council Chambers, Midlothian House,

Buccleuch Street, Dalkeith on Wednesday 5 March 2014 at 2.00 pm.

Present: Councillors Milligan (Chair), Muirhead , Pottinger and Wallace.

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Baxter, Coventry, Montgomery, de Vink and Russell.

1. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were intimated

2 2013/14 Performance Reports – Quarter 3

There were submitted Performance Reports for 2013/14 in respect of Adult and Community Care; Housing and Community Safety; Children and Families; Communities and Support; Education; and Planning and Development. Each report contained a summary of the progress in delivering Strategic Outcomes and a summary of emerging challenges and risks. Thereafter, the Committee received verbal updates in respect of each of the reports.

Decision

- (a) To note that the performance and level of service being delivered at two care homes in Midlothian were under constant scrutiny, with both announced and unannounced spot checks being undertaken and in one case admissions to the home had ceased from July 2013;
- (b) To note that proposals were under consideration which would make more efficient use of bed and breakfast accommodation for homeless clients and that this would be the subject of a report to the Cabinet in due course;
- (c) To note the financial and resource implications for the Council in the event that the Children's and Young Persons Bill was enacted unamended;
- (d) To note that the number of children on the Child Protection Register remained static;
- (e) To note the number and diversity of organisations involved in the assessment process in respect of the adoption of children;
- (f) To note that work was being undertaken to ensure that computer

- facilities in Libraries were PSN compliant;
- (g) To note that the extension in child care provision, recently announced by the Scottish Government, was being addressed with a view to providing this extended service at 16 centres throughout Midlothian;
- (h) To note that a report on the Economic Recovery Plan would be submitted to the next Council meeting on 25 March 2014;
- (i) To note that the land sale at Sheriffhall was expected to be concluded by the end of June 2014; and
- (j) To otherwise note the reports.

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Councillor Wallace joined the meeting during discussion of the foregoing business (2.10 pm).

The meeting terminated at 3.10pm.