

**MINUTES of SPECIAL MEETING of the MIDLOTHIAN COUNCIL
PERFORMANCE REVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE** held in the Council
Chambers, Midlothian House, Buccleuch Street, Dalkeith on Wednesday 2
September 2015 at 2.00pm.

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

1 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were intimated.

2 2014/15 Performance Reports

There were submitted Performance Reports for 2014/15 in respect of Commercial Operations; Finance and Integrated Services, Property and Facilities Management and Midlothian Council. 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 as part of the review of grass cutting routes a new tractor unit had been purchased which would see an improvement in the efficiency of grass cutting as well as a reduction in costs to the Council.
- (b) To welcome the programme of replacing inefficient lighting with new LED lights that was continuing and the significant works which were programmed for the Newtongrange and Roslin areas beginning in July/August 2015;
- (c) To note that discussions were ongoing with Lothian Buses following the decision to reduce the Number 49 bus service;
- (d) To note that lessons had been learned from previous experience in the procurement process which would assist in achieving financial savings;
- (e) To note that the financial position with regard to Newbattle High School would be the subject of further reports to Council;

- (f) To note that the Property Assets Register only related to buildings and did not include land;
- (g) To note that there had been a major drop in “wet side usage”;
- (h) To note that Midfield was yet to progress through the Planning and General Purposes Committee process;
- (i) To note advice from the Chief Executive of the major areas of work going forward such as Positive Destinations, City Deal and the Borders Railway Project.

(Action: (c) Head of Commercial Operations and (e) Head of Finance and Integrated Services Support).

The meeting terminated at 2.38pm.