

# MINUTE



## EU - Performance, Review and Scrutiny Sub Committee

Date	Time	Venue
6 December 2021	2.30 pm	Held via Microsoft Teams

Attendance		
Councillor Catherine Johnstone		Councillor Margot Russell
Councillor Stuart Mckenzie		Councillor Joe Wallace
Alan Turpie – Legal Manager		Ross Neill – Democratic Services Team Leader

### 1 Welcome & Apologies

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Cllr Wallace was unable to connect to MS Teams due to server connection issues  
Apologies from Keven Anderson Executive Director Place

### 2 Order of Business

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Order of Business detailed within the Agenda

### 3 Declarations of interest

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None

### 4 Minutes of Previous Meetings

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None

### 5. Reports

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Agenda No.	Report Title	Presented by:
5.1	Appoint Chair & Vice Chair	Democratic Services
<b>Outline of report and summary of discussion</b>		
<p>Members are invited to confirm a Chair and Vice Chair of the committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vote to appoint Chair</li> <li>• Vote to Appoint Vice Chair</li> </ul> <p>Initially AT Chaired the meeting welcoming all, he confirmed the minimum quorum of the group is 3, then inviting Cllr Johnstone to take the committees Chair unless anyone else wished to be considered, quoting standing orders.</p> <p>Councillor Johnstone was appointed Chair with no objection</p> <p>Mr Turpie – Cllr Johnstone nominated Cllr McKenzie as Vice chair, Cllr Margot Russell seconded</p> <p>Mr Turpie – Congratulated both newly appointed Chair and Vice Chair and handed over the Chairs responsibility to Cllr Johnstone</p>		
<b>Decision</b>		
<p>Chair – Councillor Catherine Johnstone</p> <p>Vice Chair – Councillor Stuart McKenzie</p>		
<b>Action</b>		
All to note		

Agenda No.	Report Title	Presented by:
5.2	EU PRS Sub Committee	
<b>Outline of report and summary of discussion</b>		
<p><b>Remit –</b></p> <p>Members are invited to review actions taken to mitigate the effects of EU exit in relation to the delivery of the Council's policy objectives with particular reference to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) The risks and concerns to local authorities;</li> <li>(b) The regulatory impacts of Brexit; and</li> <li>(c) The impact of Brexit on the number of EU migrants.</li> </ul> <p>Recommendation to Agree above –</p> <p>After discussion highlighting key areas that may be affecting Midlothian Council, two reports were outlined and requested for the next meeting –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What support is Midlothian Council offering EU nationals currently employed by the council to staff, in particular any who have been denied permission to stay in the UK?</li> <li>2. What is the current contingency for Business interruption due to supply issues relating to Brexit and any combination of issues including Covid?</li> </ol>		
<b>Decision</b>		
All agreed the remit		
<b>Action</b>		

1. Dawn Farquhar - (HR Manager) to provide a report in relation to how many EU nationals currently employed by the Council have been denied residency and what is the council doing to support them?
2. Derek Oliver – (Chief Officer Place) – To provide a report covering what is the current contingency for Business interruption due to supply issues relating to Brexit and any other combination of issues including Covid?

Agenda No.	Report Title	Presented by:
5.3	Proposed Meeting Dates	Democratic Services
<b>Outline of report and summary of discussion</b>		
Monday 24 January 2022 at 2.30pm Monday 14 March 2022 at 2.30 pm		
<b>Decision</b>		
Agreed Unanimously		

## 6. Private Reports

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None

## 7. Date of Next Meeting

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Meeting Concluded at 1505  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 2.30pm