

# Minute of Meeting

Cabinet  
Tuesday 2 March 2021  
Item No 4.1



## Cabinet

Date	Time	Venue
1 December 2020	11.00 am	Held via Microsoft Teams

### Present:

Councillor Muirhead – Depute Convener	
Councillor Curran	
Councillor Imrie	
Councillor Hackett	

### Religious Representatives:

Mrs Elizabeth Morton	
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## 1 Apologies

Apologies for absence had been received on behalf of Councillor Milligan (Convener) and Vic Bourne. In the absence of the Convener, Councillor Muirhead assumed the Chair for this meeting.

## 2 Order of Business

The Order of Business was as detailed within the Agenda.

## 3 Declarations of interest

No declarations of interest were received.

## 4 Minutes of Previous Meetings

The Minute of the Meeting of the Cabinet held on 20 October 2020 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

## 5. Reports

Agenda No.	Report Title	Presented by:
5.1	Third Statutory Biodiversity Report 2017-20	Derek Oliver
Outline of report and summary of discussion		
The report sought approval of the Third Statutory Biodiversity Duty Report 2017-20 for publication on the Council's website as well as being forwarded to the Scottish Government. The report advised that Biodiversity was the variety of life including plants, animals, micro-organisms and bacteria interacting with each other and the non-living environment to form living ecosystems, cleanse the air and water, pollinate crops, break down waste, control pests and diseases and regulate natural events. The report highlighted that the Wildlife and Natural Environmental (Scotland) Act 2011 required public bodies to publish a Biodiversity Report every 3 years that set out the actions taken in carrying out its Biodiversity duties. The Biodiversity Report was attached as an appendix. Derek Oliver was heard in amplification of the report after which there was a general discussion on this matter.		
Decision		
(a) To approve the appended report as the Council's Third Statutory Biodiversity Report 2017-20;		
(b) Agree to the publication of the Third Statutory Biodiversity Report on the Council's website as well as providing the Scottish Government with a copy; and		
(c) To refer the report to the Performance, Review and Scrutiny Committee for consideration.		
Action		
Chief Officer: Place		

Agenda No.	Report Title	Presented by:
5.2	Adult Health and Social Care Performance Report Quarter Two 2020/21	The Joint Director, Health and Social Care
<b>Outline of report and summary of discussion</b>		
The Adult Health and Social Care Performance Report Q2 2020/21 was submitted. The Joint Director, Health and Social Care highlighted the progress in the delivery of strategic outcomes and summary of the emerging challenges as detailed within the report and thereafter answered questions raised by Elected Members.		
<b>Decision</b>		
Noted the content of the report		

Agenda No.	Report Title	Presented by:
5.3	Children's Services, Partnership and Communities Performance Report Quarter Two 2020/21	Executive Director/Chief Officer, Children's Services, Partnerships and Communities
<b>Outline of report and summary of discussion</b>		
The Children's Services, Partnership and Communities Performance Report Quarter Two 2020/21 was submitted. The Executive Director as well as the Chief Officer Children, Young People and Partnerships highlighted the progress in the delivery of strategic outcomes and summary of the emerging challenges as detailed within the report and thereafter answered questions raised by Elected Members.		
<b>Decision</b>		
Noted the content of the report		

Agenda No.	Report Title	Presented by:
5.4	Corporate Solutions - Performance Report Quarter Two 2020/21	Executive Director: Place
<b>Outline of report and summary of discussion</b>		
The Corporate Solutions Performance Report Quarter Two 2020/21 was submitted. The Executive Director: Place highlighted the progress in the delivery of strategic outcomes and summary of the emerging challenges as detailed within the report and thereafter answered questions raised by Elected Members.		
<b>Decision</b>		
Noted the content of the report		

Agenda No.	Report Title	Presented by:
5.5	Education - Performance Report Quarter Two 2020/21	Executive Director: Children's Services, Partnerships and Communities
<b>Outline of report and summary of discussion</b>		
The Education, Performance Report Quarter Two 2020/21 was submitted. The Executive Director: Place highlighted the progress in the delivery of strategic outcomes and summary of the emerging challenges as detailed within the report		

and thereafter answered questions raised by Elected Members.

**Decision**

Noted the content of the report

Agenda No.	Report Title	Presented by:
5.6	Place - Performance Report Quarter Two 2020/21	Executive Director: Place
<b>Outline of report and summary of discussion</b>		
The Place, Performance Report Quarter Two 2020/21 was submitted. The Executive Director: Place highlighted the progress in the delivery of strategic outcomes and summary of the emerging challenges as detailed within the report and answered questions raised by Elected Members.		
<b>Decision</b>		
Noted the content of the report.		

Agenda No.	Report Title	Presented by:
5.7	Midlothian Council Report Quarter Two 20/21	Chief Executive
<b>Outline of report and summary of discussion</b>		
The Midlothian Council Report Quarter Two 20/21 was submitted. The Chief Executive was heard in amplification of the report during which she sought approval to the proposal that the Q3 and Q4 reports were jointly submitted to Cabinet at the appropriate meeting thereby allowing the best use of Officers in the interim period particularly in view of the ongoing Covid-19 situation after which she answered questions raised by Elected Members.		
<b>Decision</b>		
(a)To agree that the Q3 and Q4 reports were jointly submitted to Cabinet at the appropriate meeting; (b)That this proposal also be considered at the forthcoming meeting of the Performance Review and Scrutiny Committee; and (c)To otherwise note the content of the report.		

### **Exclusion of Members of the Public**

In view of the nature of the business to be transacted, the Cabinet agreed that the public be excluded from the meeting during discussion of the undernoted items, as contained in the Addendum hereto, as there might be disclosed exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973:-

Agenda No	Report Title	Presented by:
6.1, 6.2 and 6.3	Education Appointment Committees	Executive Director: Place
<b>Decision</b>		
Noted the undernoted appointments:		

- (a) That the post of Depute Head Teacher, Beeslack Community High School be offered to J. MacWhirter.
- (b) That the post of Head Teacher, Gore Glen Primary School be offered to A. Milne.
- (c) That the post of Head Teacher, Mayfield Primary School be offered to L Walker.

The meeting terminated at 12.30pm.