

**MINUTES of SPECIAL MEETING of the MIDLOTHIAN COUNCIL CABINET** held in the Council Chambers, Midlothian House, Buccleuch Street, Dalkeith on Tuesday, 26 August 2014 at 09.00 am.

**Present:-** Councillors Thompson (Convener), Bryant, Constable, Johnstone and Rosie.

**1 Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were intimated.

**3 2014/2015 Performance Reports – Quarter 1**

There were submitted Performance Reports for 2014/15 in respect of Midlothian Council and the Plans for Customer and Housing Services; Adult Social Care; Children's Services; Communities and Economy; Education; Commercial Operations; Finance and Integrated Service Support; and Property and Facilities Management. Each report contained a summary of the progress in delivering Strategic Outcomes and a summary of emerging challenges and risks. Thereafter, the Cabinet received verbal updates in respect of each of the reports.

**Decision**

- (a) To note that 180 applications under the Voluntary Severance and Early retirement scheme had been approved to date;
- (b) To note that office closures and the relocation of staff under the EWIM project was progressing on schedule;
- (c) To note that, to date, 16 households had been relocated from Newbyres Gorebridge, with a further four scheduled to be rehoused;
- (d) To receive a report on the introduction of Community Banking facilities within Midlothian at an early date;
- (e) To note the work progressing on the introduction of community located facilities to provide services in respect of Housing; Revenues; etc;
- (f) To note the success of the "Horizons Cafe" in assisting those with alcohol or substance misuse;

- (g) To note that the number of children in care had reduced from 37 to 25 and those in secure accommodation from five to one;
- (h) To note that two referrals under the Children and Young Persons Act had been received to date;
- (i) To note the various local factors which can affect the attendance records of certain Primary Schools;
- (j) To approve the changes to priorities recommended in the respective reports.

(Action: (d) Head of Housing and Customer Services; (j) All Directors/Heads of Service)

The meeting terminated at 09.55 am.