

Minute of Meeting

Cabinet
Tuesday 26 February 2019
Item No.4.1



Cabinet

Date	Time	Venue
15 January 2019	11.00 am	Council Chambers, Midlothian House, Buccleuch Street, Dalkeith

Present:

Councillor Muirhead – Depute Convener	
Councillor Imrie	
Councillor Curran	
Councillor Hackett	

Religious Representatives:

Mrs Elizabeth Morton	
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1 Apologies

Apologies had been received from Councillor Milligan (Convener) and Vic Bourne.

2 Order of Business

The Order of Business was as detailed on the Agenda.

3 Declarations of interest

Councillor Hackett declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item No 5.3 "School Streets Review" as his children attended King's Park Primary School but confirmed that he would remain in the meeting during consideration of this matter.

4 Minutes of Previous Meetings

The Minutes of Meeting of the Cabinet held on 27 November 2018 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

5. Reports

Agenda No.	Report Title	Presented by:
5.1	A Summary of the Care Inspectorate Inspections of Day Care of Children, June 2018 - November 2018	Acting Head of Education
Outline of report and summary of discussion		
<p>The report advised that a range of Early Learning and Childcare settings for three and four year olds had been inspected by the Care Inspectorate during the period June 2018 and November 2018 including private nurseries and local authority settings. The report provided a summary of the outcomes of the inspections of the following settings:</p> <p>Cornbank St James Primary School Nursery, Rosewell Primary School Nursery, Chapter One Childcare Shawfair House, Cranston Country Nursery, Milton Bridge Nursery, Wizkidz Nursery, Lasswade School Nursery Class, Clover Country Nursery, Acre Wood Nurseries Ltd, St Andrew's RC Primary Nursery, Sacred Heart Primary School Nursery, Newtongrange Primary School Nursery and King's Park Primary School Nursery.</p> <p>Maria Lloyd was heard in amplification of the report after which there was a general discussion on this matter during which it was agreed that the principle of receiving Inspection feedback on Private Nurseries as well as local authority establishments was welcomed.</p>		
Decision		
<p>(a) To note the content of the summary of the inspection reports;</p> <p>(b) To congratulate the pupils, parents and staff connected with these reports;</p> <p>(c) To receive feedback on whether those Private Nurseries inspected paid the Living Wage;</p> <p>(d) That all future Inspection reports would be made available to each appropriate Ward Member;</p>		

- (e) That an update report on Early Years be submitted as and when appropriate to Cabinet for consideration; and
- (f) To pass the report to the Performance, Review and Scrutiny Committee for its consideration.

Action

Acting Head of Education

Agenda No	Report Title	Presented by:
5.2	New Build Council Housing – Local Letting Initiative	Joint Director, Health and Social Care

Outline of report and summary of discussion

The report proposed a Local Letting Initiative (LLI) to be used for the allocation of housing at the Miller Homes development at Newton Church Road, Danderhall.

The report advised that the total housing mix of the development showed that 23 properties were being built on this site which were estimated to be completed in March 2019 as detailed below.

Table 1: Housing Mix at Newton Church Road, Danderhall

Property Type	Number of Properties
1 Bed, 2 Person Cottage Flat	8
2 Bed, 4 Person Cottage Flat	10
3 Bed, 4 Person House	5
Total	23

The Joint Director, Health and Social Care was heard in amplification of the report.

Decision

To approve a Local Letting Initiative as detailed within the Report for the allocation of housing at Newton Church Road, Danderhall to ensure the creation of a sustainable, balanced community.

Action

Joint Director, Health and Social Care

Agenda No.	Report Title	Presented by:
5.3	School Streets Review	Head of Commercial Operations

Outline of report and summary of discussion

The report advised that at the Council Meeting on 28 June 2016, the Council agreed to:

- “a) Support the introduction of ‘School Streets’ at King’s Park Primary, Dalkeith and Lasswade Primary, Bonnyrigg; and*
- b) Request that the Director, Resources provide a follow up report after the twelve month period of monitoring.”*

The purpose of this report was to advise of the survey results and monitoring undertaken and seek a decision on whether to retain these permanently, change aspects of them or remove them entirely.

‘School Streets’ had been piloted by both City of Edinburgh Council and East Lothian Council. They involved a legal order that banned most traffic from driving in the street during a specified period (when children were arriving at or leaving the school).

The ban was applied to streets where vehicles manoeuvring to drop off/pick up children were causing an unsafe environment for pupils arriving at the school on foot or by bike. These were signed as a Pedestrian and Cycle Zone, with details of the times they apply and exceptions.

The report advised that most parent/carers, most residents in the restricted streets and most residents in nearby streets who responded to the survey supported continuing this scheme. There were some vociferous objections to the scheme but these views were only supported by a minority. There had also been suggestions for further work to help make the scheme better and these additional measures could be considered by council officers. The report therefore proposed that the necessary Traffic Orders remained in place to allow ‘School Streets’ to continue at King’s Park and Lasswade primary schools.

The Head of Commercial Operations was heard in amplification of the report after which there was a general discussion on this matter.

Decision

- (a) To support continuing ‘School Streets’ at King’s Park Primary, Dalkeith and Lasswade Primary, Bonnyrigg; and
- (b) That the Director, Resources submit a report to a future meeting of the Cabinet on the implications and costs involved in rolling out a similar programme throughout Midlothian

Action

Head of Commercial Operations

Agenda No	Report Title	Presented by:
5.4	Penicuik Town Centre Heritage Regeneration Project Update	Director Education, Communities and Economy
Outline of report and summary of discussion		
<p>The report informed Cabinet of the approved funding for the Penicuik Town Centre Heritage Regeneration Project and the current work of the project, including the programmed transport/highway improvements taking place in the High Street.</p> <p>The report also advised that at its meeting of 30 August 2016 Cabinet approved the simultaneous submission of applications to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for a Townscape Heritage (TH) grant and to Historic Environment Scotland (HES) for a Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS) grant towards a heritage regeneration project for Penicuik. This scheme was called the Penicuik Heritage Regeneration Project. Grants were awarded towards the project; £1,692,000 from the HLF in July 2018 and £980,000 from HES in August 2018.</p>		

The official launch of the project took place with a well-attended programme of events in the first week of December 2018. The Penicuik High Street transportation/highway improvement works was the first Penicuik Heritage Regeneration Project scheme to be approved and work started on site on October 2018 for a 22 week contract period. In line with the Council moratorium on road works, work ceased between 1 December 2018 and 7 January 2019. The works were anticipated to be finished in March 2019 and comprise; altering and widening the pedestrian areas, the installation of street furniture, resurfacing the footpaths and resurfacing the road surface.

The Director Education, Communities and Economy was heard in amplification of the report after which several Members congratulated all those involved in this Project.

Decision

- (a) To note the content of the report,; and
- (b) To congratulate all those involved in this Project.

Action

Director Education, Communities and Economy

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 paragraphs 6 and 11 of Part I of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973:-

Agenda No	Report Title
6.1	Minutes of Meeting of the Midlothian Joint Consultative Group of 6 November 2018
Decision	
Cabinet noted the Minutes of Meeting of the Midlothian Joint Consultative Group of 20 March 2018	

Agenda No	Report Title	Presented by:
6.2	Minute of Education Appointment Committee of 28 November 2018 – Depute Head Teacher Newbattle High School (Digital Centre of Excellence)	Acting Director, Resources
Decision		
Cabinet noted the appointment of C Philp as detailed in the report.		

Agenda No	Report Title	Presented by:
6.3	Minute of Education Appointment Committee of 14 December 2018 –Head Teacher Hawthornden Primary School	Acting Director, Resources
Decision		
Cabinet noted the appointment of C Elsey as detailed in the report.		

Agenda No	Report Title	Presented by:
6.4	Minute of Education Appointment Committee of 28 November 2018 –Head Teacher St David’s R.C.Primary School	Acting Director, Resources
Decision		
Cabinet noted the appointment of G McPherson as detailed in the report.		

The meeting terminated at 12.10pm.