

Seminar Requests

Report by Mary Smith, Director, Education, Communities and Economy

1 Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to recommend that the Council requests seminars to be held in relation to the Learning Estate Strategy and the Midlothian Local Development Plan. Coupled with this and as an action from the Cabinet meeting on 15 August 2017, it is recommended that Council requests a seminar in relation to Education Governance.

2 Background Information

- 2.1** Further to the development of the strategy to support Midlothian's Learning Estate, the Director, Education, Communities and Economy is requesting that Council approves that a seminar be arranged for Elected Members to allow further discussion in relation to this. It is further recommended that the seminar takes place during the week prior to the next Council meeting in September 2017.
- 2.2** The Director, Education, Communities and Economy is further requesting that the Council approves that a seminar be arranged for Elected Members in relation to the Midlothian Local Development Plan. The Midlothian Local Development Plan has now been through its formal Examination stage, with the Scottish Government Reporters' Report having been received in July 2017. The Reporters have recommended a number of modifications to the Plan which the Council will require to consider. A report is due for submission to Council on 26th September 2017 advising and recommending on the final stages towards formal adoption of the Plan. In advance of that the seminar provides an opportunity for Members to discuss the merits of the Reporters' recommendations and to consider the Council's response in moving to adoption of the Plan. It is recommended that this seminar takes place during the week prior to the next Council meeting in September 2017.
- 2.3** As an action from the Cabinet meeting of 15 August 2017, the Director, Education, Communities and Economy further requests that Council approve a seminar to be arranged in relation to Education Governance.

3 Report Implications

3.1 Resource

There are no Resource implications as a result of the recommendation contained within this report.

3.2 Risk

There are no risk implications arising directly from this report.

3.3 Single Midlothian Plan and Business Transformation

Themes addressed in this report:

- ☐ Community safety
- ☐ Adult health, care and housing
- ☐ Getting it right for every Midlothian child
- ☐ Improving opportunities in Midlothian
- ☐ Sustainable growth
- ☐ Business transformation and Best Value
- ☒ None of the above

3.4 Key Priorities within the Single Midlothian Plan

Not applicable.

3.5 Impact on Performance and Outcomes

There is no impact on Performance Outcomes as a consequence of the recommendation contained within this report.

3.6 Adopting a Preventative Approach

Not applicable.

3.7 Involving Communities and Other Stakeholders

There are no Community or Other Stakeholder considerations as a consequence of the recommendation contained within this report.

3.8 Ensuring Equalities

There are no Equalities issues as a consequence of the recommendation contained within this report.

3.9 Supporting Sustainable Development

There are no Sustainable Development issues as a consequence of this report.

3.10 IT Issues

There are no direct IT issues as a result of the recommendation in this report.

4 Recommendations

Council is recommended to;

- (a) Instruct the Director, Education, Communities and Economy to progress and arrange a seminar for Elected Members in respect of the Learning Estate Strategy to take place during the week prior to the next Council meeting in September 2017;
- (b) Instruct the Director, Education, Communities and Economy to progress and arrange a seminar for Elected Members in respect of the Midlothian Local Development plan to take place during the week prior to the next Council meeting in September 2017; and
- (c) Instruct the Director, Education, Communities and Economy to progress and arrange a seminar for Elected Members in respect of Education Governance.

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