

Minute of Meeting

Cabinet
Tuesday 19 April 2016
Item No 4.1



Special Cabinet

Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday 1 March 2016	9.00 am	Council Chambers, Midlothian House, Dalkeith, EH22 1DN

Present:

Councillor Constable	Chair
Councillor Bryant	
Councillor Johnstone	
Councillor Parry	
Councillor Rosie	
Margaret Harkness	Religious Representative

Chair: Councillor Johnstone advised the Cabinet that the Vice Chair, Councillor Constable would Chair this meeting.

1. Apologies

1.1 Apologies were received from Mr Bourne and Rev R Halley.

2. Order of Business

The order of business was confirmed as outlined in the agenda that had been circulated.

3. Declarations of interest

No declarations of interest were received.

4. Minutes of Previous Meetings

There was no minutes submitted to this meeting for approval.

5. Reports

Report No.	Report Title	Presented by:
5.1	Midlothian Council Performance Report Quarter 3 2015/16	Chief Executive

Outline of report and summary of discussion

The Quarter 3 2015/16 Performance Report for Midlothian Council was submitted detailing delivery of Midlothian Council's priorities through the Community Planning Partnership and the Single Midlothian Plan. The Council Transformation Strategy and Individual Service Plans outlined how Midlothian Council would deliver its contribution to the Single Midlothian Plan. The Chief Executive highlighted to the Cabinet the following notable items and also the challenges going forward from the Report:

- The work on intermediate care and successful Hospital at Home service for older people.
- The positive inspection for a number Children's Services including Adoption Service, the Fostering Service and the Residential Service.
- The successful award of LEADER EU funding to Tyne/Esk programme.
- The successful bid to zero waste Scotland for funding in support of the new food waste service.
- The financial challenges in relation to setting the budget for 2016/17, the significant ongoing progress in relation to transformational change and the focus on the Delivering Excellence programme, also the significant challenges with regard to collecting rental income, non-domestic rates and council tax.

- The challenges with regards to Newbyres and the progress of this and also in general within Health and Social Care integration.
- The challenges in relation to Education with the volume of legislation and some of the constraints in terms of transforming and improving this service.
- Market conditions in respect of Recycling and the potential financial challenge this brings.
- In terms of PI summary, the percentage of invoices paid in 30 days has dropped slightly after a huge improvement and this will be closely monitored.

The Elected members requested an update in respect of the Care Inspectorate's return visit to Newbyres Care Home. The Head of Adult and Social Care presented an update to the Cabinet on the progress within Newbyres and the challenges they were still facing although the Care Inspectorates had not returned for a follow up visit the management and staff were looking forward to their return.

Decision

- To note the progress in Newbyres Care Home.
- To note the improvement on the Sickness absence.
- To otherwise note the Report.

Report No.	Report Title	Presented by:
5.2	Customer and Housing Services Performance Report Quarter 3 2015/16	Head of Customer and Housing Services

Outline of report and summary of discussion

The Quarter 3 2015/16 Performance Report for Customer and Housing Services were submitted. The Head of Customer and Housing Services highlighted to the Cabinet the progress in the delivery of strategic outcomes and summary of the emerging challenges as detailed in the Report.

Decision

- To note the establishment of the Midlothian Police, Fire and Rescue Committee.
- To note the progress of the building rationalisation.
- To note the improvement and collection of Rent and Council Tax
- To note the increase of virtual visitor numbers to services as a result of online interactions
- To otherwise note the report.

Report No.	Report Title	Presented by:
5.3	Adult Social Care Performance Report Quarter 3 2015/16	Head of Adult and Social Care

Outline of report and summary of discussion

The Quarter 3 2015/16 Performance Report for Adult and Social Care were submitted. The Head of Adult and Social Care highlighted to the Cabinet the progress in the delivery of strategic outcomes and summary of the emerging challenges as detailed in the Report.

Decision

- To note the future development of use of the Community Hospital and the 'Hot Topics Group'.
- To circulate the information from the 'Hot Topics Group' to Elected members
- To otherwise note the Report.

Action

Head of Adult and Social Care

Report No.	Report Title	Presented by:
5.4	Children's Services Performance Report Quarter 3 2015/16	Head of Children's Services

Outline of report and summary of discussion

The Quarter 3 2015/16 Performance Report for Children's Services Performance Report Quarter 3 was submitted. The Head of Children's Services highlighted to the Cabinet the progress in the delivery of strategic outcomes and summary of the emerging challenges as detailed in the Report.

Decision

- To note the three positive Care Inspectorate Reports for Fostering, Adoption and Residential Services.
- To note the Kinship Care interim funding received from Scottish Government.
- To otherwise note the Report.

Report No.	Report Title	Presented by:
5.5	Communities and Economy Performance Report Quarter 3 2015/16	Chief Executive

Outline of report and summary of discussion

The Quarter 3 2015/16 Performance Report for Communities and Economy Performance Report Quarter 3 was submitted. The Chief Executive highlighted to the Cabinet the progress in the delivery of strategic outcomes and summary of the emerging challenges as detailed in the Report.

Decision

- To note the funding secured for participatory budget was very positive.
- To receive more detail with regard to participatory budgeting projects in Woodburn and Mayfield.
- To note the challenges in relation to the road access and transport links to Easter Bush.
- To note that retailers within Dalkeith no longer sell new psychoactive substances (NSP) after intervention by Trading Standards and Police Scotland.
- To otherwise note the Report.

Report No.	Report Title	Presented by:
5.6	Education Performance Report Quarter 3 2015/16	Head of Education

Outline of report and summary of discussion

The Quarter 3 2015/16 Performance Report for Education Performance Report Quarter 3 was submitted. The Head of Education highlighted to the Cabinet the progress in the delivery of strategic outcomes and summary of the emerging challenges as detailed in the Report.

Decision

- To note the establishment of the Early Years peripatetic team.
- To note that young people moving into positive destinations were still above the Scottish average.
- To otherwise note the Report.

Report No.	Report Title	Presented by:
5.7	Commercial Operations Performance Report Quarter 3 2015/16	Director Resources

Outline of report and summary of discussion

The Quarter 3 2015/16 Performance Report for Commercial Operations was submitted. The Director of Resources highlighted to the Cabinet the progress in the

delivery of strategic outcomes and summary of the emerging challenges as detailed in the Report.

Decision

- To note the Joint Health and Safety Training Calendar for Midlothian and East Lothian.
- To congratulate the Road Services who were finalists in the Association for Public Service Excellence for best Performer for Roads, Highways and winter maintenance.
- To note the progress of the issues around blue bin recycling and the part Midlothian Council has played in highlighting this to the Scottish Government.
- To note the positive destinations within land services achieving 314 working days against the target of 250 for this year and the continuation of promoting opportunities in the Council for young people.
- To note the successful introduction of the food waste programme.
- To otherwise note the Report.

Report No.	Report Title	Presented by:
5.8	Integrated Service Support Performance Report Quarter 3 2015/16	Director Resources

Outline of report and summary of discussion

The Quarter 3 2015/16 Performance Report for Finance and Integrated Service Support was submitted. The Director, Resources highlighted to the Cabinet the progress in the delivery of strategic outcomes and summary of the emerging challenges as detailed in the Report.

Decision

- To note the support this service gave to all the Projects throughout Midlothian Council.
- To positively comment on the Council's People Strategy in terms of staff, workforce planning, pay and moving towards living wage and the contribution from the staff within Midlothian Council in taking this forward.
- To otherwise note the Report.

Report No.	Report Title	Presented by:
5.9	Property and Facilities Management Performance Report Quarter 3 2015/16	Director Resources

Outline of report and summary of discussion

The Quarter 3 2015/16 Performance Report for Finance and Integrated Service Support was submitted. The Director of Resources highlighted to the Cabinet the progress in the delivery of strategic outcomes and summary of the emerging challenges as detailed in the Report.

Decision

- To note the progress of the EWiM project and the work done by this team.
- To congratulate the Facilities Service who were awarded winners in the Association for Public Service Excellence for best Performer in Building Cleaning for the 4th time in 5 years.
- To otherwise note the Report.

Report No.	Report Title	Presented by:
5.10	2014/15 Local Government Benchmarking Framework Results	Chief Executive

Outline of report and summary of discussion

The Local Government Benchmarking Framework – 14/15 was submitted. The purpose of this report is to update the Cabinet on the Local Government Benchmarking Framework (LGBF) and to present an overview of the Council's performance against the indicators for 2014/15. The Chief Executive highlighted to the Cabinet that there was an error in the benchmarks on page 13, Cost of Trading standards where the figure rather than £8,189 should be £4,605 which means Midlothian Council's rank is 12th rather than 27th therefore overall it means that there are 27 in the top two quartiles and 22 in the lower two quartiles. Looking at indicators around performance two thirds are in the top two quartiles although there were indicators where performance could be improved, overall the report is positive.

Decision

The Cabinet agreed the recommendations:

- To note the 2014/15 Local Government Benchmarking Framework comparison results.
- To note the ongoing activity relating to the Family Groups.

6. Private Reports

No private reports were submitted to this meeting.

Meeting terminated at 9.53 am