

Composition:

The General Purposes Committee will comprise all 18 Elected Members of the Council. The General Purposes Committee will have a Chair from its composition, determined by the membership of the Committee.

Business:

The General Purposes Committee will be responsible for the following:-

- (i) The determination and administration of all licences and permits under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, the Marriage (Scotland) Act 1977 as amended and other relative Acts, Regulations and Orders not falling to be dealt with under statute or otherwise by the Midlothian Licensing Board or any other Committee.
- (ii) The administration of Trusts and charitable funds on behalf of the Council, except those relating solely to education or social work.
- (iii) The administration of (i) the Trust Fund arising from the extension to the Blinkbonny Opencast Coal Site; (ii) the Monteith Houses Fund; (iii) the balance to be used for job creation projects arising from the proposed reopening of a Drift Mine at Blinkbonny; and (iv) the Trust Funds arising from the Gourlaw Farm, Newbigging and Shewington Farm Opencast Coal Sites.
- (iv) Other appropriate miscellaneous matters.

Frequency of meetings:

The General Purposes Committee will normally meet on a six weekly cycle (subject to breaks for the summer recess, Christmas/New Year holidays and school holidays).

The Council will decide on the schedule of meetings for the General Purposes Committee, usually on a rolling annual basis which will be published.

Quorum:

The quorum for meetings of the General Purposes Committee will be 6 Councillors.

Minutes:

The Minutes of the General Purposes Committee will be recorded by the Officer clerking the meeting and submitted to the next ordinary meeting of the Committee for approval. They will also be submitted to the Council both for information and to allow the Council to consider any recommendations contained in them. Meetings of the General Purposes Committee will also be audiocast subject to the exemptions contained within the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.