

**East Lothian and Midlothian Public Protection Committee (EMPCC)  
Annual Report 2019-2020**

**Report by Alison White, Chief Social Work Officer**

**Report for Decision**

**1 Recommendations**

Council is asked to:

Note the report and the work that has been undertaken by the committee.

**2 Purpose of Report/Executive Summary**

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### **3 Background**

- 1 The East Lothian and Midlothian Public Protection Committee (EMPCC) Annual Report highlights the key achievements and areas for improvement within 2019/2020.

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One of the key strengths is partnership working at a strategic and senior level in the partner organisations. There is a strong commitment from EMPCC to support and protect all people who may be at risk in our communities.

This report is coming for oversight slightly later than usual due to the impact of covid-19, the next report covering 2020-2021 is due to be reviewed at EMPCC in June 2021 and will be forthcoming to council shortly thereafter. This report will cover the response to protection during the pandemic period.

### **4 Report Implications (Resource, Digital, Risk and Equalities)**

#### **4.1 Resource**

This report does not make recommendations which entail the allocation of resources.

#### **4.2 Digital**

None

#### **4.3 Risk**

There are no explicit risks as a result of this report however it is worth noting that the work of the committee is to ensure best practice in managing significant risks for individuals and the wider community.

#### **4.4 Ensuring Equalities**

The Committee takes its responsibilities to equalities issues seriously. There are no specific equalities issues as a result of this report

### **Appendices**

Appendix 1 Annual Report 2019/2020