

Minute of Meeting



Midlothian Council

Date	Time	Venue
8 November 2016	2pm	Council Chambers, Midlothian House, Buccleuch Street, Dalkeith

Present:

Provost Wallace	Depute Provost Coventry
Councillor Johnstone – Leader of the Council	Councillor Constable – Depute Leader of the Council
Councillor Baxter	Councillor Beattie
Councillor Bennett	Councillor Bryant
Councillor de Vink	Councillor Imrie
Councillor Milligan	Councillor Montgomery
Councillor Muirhead	Councillor Parry
Councillor Pottinger	Councillor Rosie
Councillor Russell	Councillor Young

Religious Representatives (Non-voting observers for Education Business):

Mr V. Bourne	
Mrs M. Harkness	

In attendance:

James Ledgerwood – Scotrail	Lindley Kirkpatrick – Scotrail
Andy Miller - Scotrail	Paul Dossett – Grant Thornton

1. Apologies

- 1.1 It was noted that apologies had been received from Rev. Ruth Halley.

2. Order of Business

- 2.1 The order of business was confirmed as outlined in the agenda that had been circulated with the following amendments:

The Provost had agreed that the presentations to be given by Scotrail and Grant Thornton (items 8.1 and 8.2 respectively) would be heard after item 6 on the agenda.

The Provost further agreed that a counter motion, moved by Councillor Montgomery and seconded by Councillor Imrie) would be heard as part of the discussion of item 7.1.

The Provost further agreed that an emergency motion moved by Councillor Bennett and seconded by Councillor Parry would be heard as item 7.3.

The Provost further agreed that an emergency motion moved by Councillor Johnstone and seconded by Councillor Coventry would be heard as item 7.4.

The Provost further agreed that an additional paper that had been circulated to Members would be heard as part of the discussion of item 9.2.

3. Declarations of interest

- 3.1 The Provost requested that any Elected Member who had to declare an interest in a particular item to do so as the item arose.

4. Deputations

- 4.1 It was noted that no deputations had been received for consideration at this meeting.

5. Minutes of Previous Meetings

- 5.1 The minutes of the meeting of Midlothian Council on 27 September 2016 were then submitted for approval. Councillor Milligan requested that a further meeting was convened with the short life working group in relation to the revised Council Standing Orders. Further Councillor Milligan asked for clarification in relation to the process for counter motions which the Monitoring Officer duly provided. Following this the Council agreed to Councillor Milligan's proposal for the short life working group to be reconvened and consequently approved the minute as a correct record so moved by Councillor Parry and seconded by Councillor Constable.

- 5.2 The minutes of the Cabinet meeting of 30 August 2016 were presented to the Council for noting and consideration of any recommendations therein.

The minutes of the Special Cabinet meeting of 30 August 2016 were presented to the Council for noting and consideration of any recommendations therein.

The minutes of the Audit Committee of 21 June 2016 were presented to the Council for noting and consideration of any recommendations therein.

The minutes of the Local Review Body meeting of 7 June 2016 were presented to the Council for noting and consideration of any recommendations therein.

The minutes of the Local Review Body meeting of 6 September 2016 were presented to the Council for noting and consideration of any recommendations therein.

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 31 May 2016 were presented to the Council for noting and consideration of any recommendations therein.

The minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting of 24 May 2016 were presented to the Council for noting and consideration of any recommendations therein.

The minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting of 23 August 2016 were presented to the Council for noting and consideration of any recommendations therein.

The minutes of the Petitions Committee meeting of 24 March 2015 were presented to the Council for noting and consideration of any recommendations therein.

6. Questions to the Leader of the Council

- 6.1 It was noted that no questions had been submitted to the Leader for consideration.

7. Notices of Motions

Motion No.	Motion Title	Proposed by:	Seconded by:
7.1	Sky Lanterns/ Chinese Lanterns	Councillor de Vink	Councillor Bryant

Motion:

The National Farmers Union Scotland represents over 8,500 farmers and crofters from across Scotland, and is seeking Council support to improve the safety in the countryside.

Sky lanterns, also known as Chinese lanterns, can cause untold harm and

damage not only to the environment, but also to animals and can cause fires on farms and crofts too.

To date, eight local authorities in Scotland have banned the use of sky lanterns and or helium balloon release on council-owned land, and the National Farmers Union Scotland are working to urge other councils to follow suit and help to make farms, crofts, and wider countryside safer.

The lanterns are constructed from paper with a wire or wooden frame and contain a lighted candle. Whilst seemingly innocent as they are released they can pose a fire hazard to stacks of straw, woodland and farm buildings and amount to litter when they return to the ground. If they land within livestock fields, or amongst crops grown for livestock feed, the wires risk being ingested by livestock and have been seen to cause great harm and suffering to animals.

Given the damage that Chinese lanterns can cause to the environment, property and animals, National Farmers Union Scotland would like to see greater public awareness of these risks. The Union believes that it is the responsibility of councils, to publicly recognise these risks by banning the use of Sky Lanterns on council owned property and at council run events.

On behalf of the National Farmers Union Scotland, we ask Midlothian Council to follow the example of other councils within Scotland and take similar measures to demonstrate and also take responsibility towards the environment, property and animal welfare seriously by supporting a ban of sky lanterns within our area.

Summary of discussion

Councillor de Vink was heard moving the motion and providing some further background to the reasons for him doing so.

Councillor Bryant was then in support of the motion.

Councillor Montgomery then moved an addendum to the motion which had been circulated previously as a notice of counter motion and provided his reasons for so moving.

The notice read as per the motion that had been moved by Councillor de Vink with the exception that the paragraph was removed and replaced by:

Midlothian Council agrees to follow the example of other councils within Scotland and take similar measures to demonstrate taking responsibility towards the environment, property and animal welfare seriously by supporting a ban on sky lanterns within our area.

In addition to the aforementioned Council agrees to include banning fireworks from being set off from Council land except for organised/licensed displays.

Councillor Imrie was heard seconding the notice of counter motion.

Councillor Parry requested clarification in relation to the definition of 'Council Land' which the Monitoring Officer suggested to the Movers and Seconders of the Motion and Counter Motion to mean 'non domestic properties.' This definition was accepted by all Movers and Seconders.

Then Council then accepted the motion as amended.

Decision

The Council agreed to a ban of sky lanterns within the Midlothian area and further agreed to ban fireworks being set off from Council land (non domestic land) except for organised/licensed displays.

Action

Motion No.	Motion Title	Proposed by:	Seconded by:
7.2	Policing in Midlothian	Councillor Russell	Councillor Muirhead

Motion:

The recent escalation of anti social behaviour issues in the centre of Dalkeith, where large groups of youths have caused significant distress to residents and damage to business premises, cannot be tolerated.

From this and recent incidents in other communities across Midlothian it is clear that the police locally are struggling to cope with the increasing demands placed upon them.

Council believes that the cuts to the funding for the CAT teams in this year's budget is making police response to such incidents, and their ability to proactively target youth disorder, more difficult and that this will only get worse when the full cuts to the CAT teams come into force in April.

Council therefore agrees to withdraw the plans to remove funding for the CAT teams planned for April 2017 and to restore funding for the cuts already made.

Summary of discussion

The Council heard from Councillor Russell who formally moved the motion given the specific issues and impact within Dalkeith.

The Council then heard from Councillor Muirhead who formally seconded the motion and provided his reasoning for doing so – specifically in relation to the impact that was already being witnessed as a result of the reduction of the Community Access Team and quoted statistics that were due to be presented to the Police and Fire and Rescue Board for consideration.

Councillor Parry was then heard moving that no action be taken on the motion and further suggested there was no evidence to support the motion along with the fact there was no account as to where the spend was to come from in relation to re-instating the Community Action Team.

Councillor Johnstone seconded Councillor Parry's motion to take on action on the motion.

Following a brief further discussion, the Council voted on the motion.

8 Councillors voted in favour of the motion and 8 Councillors voted for the direct negative at which point the Provost cast his second vote and voted for the direct negative to the motion..

Decision

The Council agreed to take no action on the motion.

Motion No.	Motion Title	Proposed by:	Seconded by:
7.3	Public Inquiry into Policing in Scotland during the 1984-85 Miners Strike	Councillor Bennett	Councillor Parry

Motion:

Midlothian Council repeats its request made in March 2015 to the Scottish Government for a public inquiry into policing in Scotland during the 1984-85 miners strike.

While the Orgreave Campaigners continue to be denied their right to the truth, this is an opportunity for the Scottish Government to allow the miners in the Lothians and across Scotland who were wrongfully arrested and convicted to get the justice that it believes they deserve and to strengthen the Orgreave Campaigners in their continued fight for justice.

Midlothian Council realises that as a first step endeavours should be made for an application to the Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission, however, notes that to date no applications have been made.

Summary of discussion

The Council heard from Councillor Bennett who presented the motion and further from Councillor Parry who seconded the motion.

During the discussion in relation to the motion, the Council agreed to writing to the Scottish Government to express the sentiments of the Council.

Decision

The Council agreed to write to the Scottish Government to express the sentiments of the Council and to request a public inquiry into the policing in Scotland during the 1984-85 miners strike.

Action

Democratic Services/ Member Services

Motion No.	Motion Title	Proposed by:	Seconded by:
7.4	Closure of Glencorse Barracks	Councillor Johnstone	Councillor Coventry

Motion:

That this Council notes with concern the announced closure of 8 out of 22 military sites in Scotland including the army barracks at Glencorse; notes that there was no consultation over this closure which will have serious consequences for the local economy; considers that this must be a body blow to the service personnel, their families and civilian staff at the barracks; further considers that the purported “saving “ of £140 million to the MOD from these closures pales into insignificance when measured against the replacement cost of Trident running into £250 billion; calls upon the UK Government to rescind this decision callously made in the very week Scotland and the rest of the UK remembers those servicemen and women who died in our wars.

Summary of discussion

The Council heard from Councillor Johnstone who moved the motion and confirmed her reasoning for doing so.

Following this Councillor Coventry was heard formally seconding the motion and confirming his reasons for doing so.

Councillor Montgomery was also heard in support of the motion.

Decision

The Council agreed to write to the UK Government calling upon them to rescind the decision to close Glencorse Barracks.

Action

Democratic Services/ Member Services

8. Reports

Agenda No.	Report Title	Presented by:
8.1	Presentation to Elected Members by Scotrail	James Ledgerwood; Lindley Kirkpatrick and Andy Miller

Outline of report and summary of discussion

The Chief Executive welcomed and introduced the representatives from Scotrail who subsequently gave a short presentation in relation to the first year of operation of the Borders Railway.

The presentation included commentary on the performance of the Borders Railway during its first year of operation and further provided information on the future improvement plan and investment.

Following this Members were provided with the opportunity to ask questions of the representatives.

Councillor Young requested further information in relation to the provision of carriages to counter the overcrowding issue at peak times and further also asked what actions were in place to deal with the reported reliability issues.

Andy Miller confirmed that the reliability issues were taken very seriously and the performance of the Borders Railway is currently being reviewed on a weekly basis. Coupled with this he provided further detail in relation to the axle counter issue and the radiators on the Class 158 trains and further the actions that Scotrail were taking to remedy these issues.

In relation to the carriage capacity James Ledgerwood provided further detail in relation to the actions that were being taken which is a wider ranging issue across Scotland and confirmed that further detail would be available in due course.

Councillor Muirhead then requested information in relation as to what makes the Borders Railway a challenging service to operate and further as to whether the issues that the Borders Railway is currently facing are wider ranging issues or are they peculiar to the Borders Railway.

Andy Miller confirmed that the axle counter issue was peculiar to the Borders Railway and the radiator issue is one related to the type of unit that is being operated. He further confirmed that the work that was being carried out at the moment would help to resolve these issues on the Borders Railway.

Councillor Baxter then requested further information in relation to the ticket machines that were used in stations and some of the issues that had been experienced by his constituents using the ticket machines.

James Ledgerwood confirmed that the ticket machines were constantly being upgraded and confirmed he would be happy to discuss any individual issues with the Councillor.

Councillor Pottinger was then heard raising his concerns in relation to the failure rate of the service. Further the Councillor queried whether the failure rate included the industrial action that had been taken by Scotrail staff. The Councillor concluded by raising a question in relation to the future proofing of the service.

Andy Milller confirmed how the official statistics in relation to the line performance were calculated and further that the Borders Railway is currently operating at a 84.7% success rate which was 5% lower than the national average. He also confirmed that the performance issues as a result of the industrial action were included within the performance statistics.

Councillor Imrie then asked for further detail in relation to the response to passenger growth and why the projections were not more responsive to the passenger rate.

James Ledgerwood confirmed that the passenger rate was significantly higher than originally projected and further Scotrail were taking account of the variations and implications of this. He concluded that Scotrail were committed to working with local stakeholders to provide the best possible service.

Councillor Beattie was then heard confirming that she had heard as many positive as negative comments from her constituents in relation to the Borders Railway and further asked for clarification as to what is being done now to deal with the single biggest criticism of overcrowding.

James Ledgerwood confirmed that Scotrail are working hard to target areas where overcrowding is identified and would hope to see some improvements in the near future.

Councillor de Vink then expressed his disappointment in the service particularly in relation to the passenger volumes.

James Ledgerwood confirmed that the passenger predictions were based on Transport Scotland figures and Scotrail are working with Transport Scotland in relation to the impact of the actual volumes.

Councillor Milligan then spoke of the Railway as a critical aspect of the house building programme in Midlothian and further that the issue of reliability was key. The Councillor then expressed his concern in relation to the impact of further growth in the area and the impact on the service requirements as a result of this projected growth.

James Ledgerwood confirmed that Scotrail are working closely with the Council in relation to areas of growth within Midlothian.

Councillor Parry requested clarity as to whether the train service was being aligned to the provision of other public transport in Midlothian to which James Ledgerwood confirmed that Scotrail were working in partnership to provide an integrated transport solution for Midlothian.

Councillor Russell requested further information in relation to the provision of better lighting within Eskbank station to which James Ledgerwood confirmed that he would take forward as a specific action.

Report No.	Report Title	Presented by:
8.2	Presentation to Elected Members by Grant Thornton – Annual Report to Elected Members and the Controller of Audit for Finance	Paul Dossett

Outline of report and summary of discussion

Paul Dossett commenced his presentation by thanking Officers and Members for their support to the Audit process. Further he confirmed that the report which was presented to Members had been submitted to the Audit Committee on 25 September 2016.

Paul Dossett then confirmed that the 2015/16 Audit had demonstrated a good year for the Council and that Grant Thornton had signed an unqualified opinion on the accounts on 25 September 2016. He further confirmed that good progress had been made in relation to the Integration Joint Board; the work being done in

relation to modernising the pay scheme was important work in relation to workforce modernisation and as such these strategies were important to support dealing with the challenges facing all Scottish Local Authorities.

He further confirmed that the Council's reserves were in a good position by comparison to other Local Authorities.

However, the Council holistically has not had the best record of delivering savings which is an area that will now require focus given the challenges being faced by the Council.

The Chief Executive then recognised the good work of Grant Thornton over the past five years that they have acted as the Council's external auditors and thanked them for their work.

Report No.	Report Title	Presented by:
8.3	Review of United Kingdom Parliament Constituencies in Scotland by the Boundary Commission for Scotland	Chief Executive

Outline of report and summary of discussion

The Council heard from the Chief Executive who presented a report dated 20 October 2016 which outlined the Boundary Commissions initial proposals for UK Parliamentary Constituencies in Scotland which were published on 20 October 2016 for a twelve week public consultation period lasting until 11 January 2017.

The Chief Executive further outlined the criteria in relation to the review of the Parliamentary Constituencies and confirmed the impact to the Midlothian area.

Councillor Parry was heard in support of a response being prepared and suggested that comments were collected to reflect the views of the Elected Members both from within the Chamber as a result of the debate and through further discussion.

Councillor Johnstone was then heard in support of Councillor Parry's suggestion.

Decision

The Council agreed to:

- a) Respond to the initial proposals of the Boundary Commission for Scotland in its 2018 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies.

Action

Chief Executive

Report No.	Report Title	Presented by:
8.4	Financial Strategy 2017/18 to 2021/22	Head of Finance and Integrated Service Support

Outline of report and summary of discussion

The Council heard from the Head of Finance and Integrated Service Support who presented a report which provided the Council with an update on the Financial Strategy encompassing the years 2017/18 to 2021/22 which included:

- An update Scottish Government Grant timing and prospects;
- Updated budget projections for 2017/18 to 2021/22;
- A sensitivity analysis reflecting the potential impact of different scenarios;
- An assessment of the indicative level of resources which would be provided to the Midlothian Integration Joint Board in 2017/18;
- An update on the existing and proposed change programmes aimed at addressing the projected budget shortfalls;
- An update on reserves.

Councillor Parry proposed that the recommendations within the report were accepted and further extended an invite to all Councillors to an open dialogue in relation to the budget proposals.

Councillor Bryant supported Councillor Parry's recommendations.

Councillor Milligan thanked the Chief Executive for the financial information that had been supplied to Elected Members and asked for a commitment from Council Officers to continue the dialogue with Elected Members in respect of the budget proposals. Further Councillor Milligan commented on the Council Tax arrangements for Midlothian as a result of the Scottish Government's revised financial model. In conclusion Councillor Milligan proposed that the Council write to the Scottish Government to demand that monies raised through Council Tax remain within the Local Authorities where the Council Tax is raised.

Councillor Muirhead seconded Councillor Milligan's proposals.

Following this a vote was taken in relation to the proposed amendment to which 10 Councillors voted for the amendment and 8 voted against therefore the amendment was included in the decision of the Council.

Decision

The Council agreed to:

- a) Note the update in respect of the Scottish Government Grant Settlement as set out in section 2 of the report;
- b) Note the updated projected cost of services, key assumptions and resultant budget shortfalls as set out in section 3 of the report and continue to endorse the key assumptions on which the budget projections are based;
- c) Note the continuing uncertainties and the potential impact of differing scenarios as set out in section 6 of the report;
- d) Note the indicative level of resources which would be provided to the Midlothian Integration Joint Board to deliver the Strategic Plan as set out in section 7 of the report;

- e) Note the role the current and developing strands of the Change Programme , including the development of savings options and relevant impact on the Financial Strategy as set out in tables 5 and 6 contained within the report;
- f) Note that the strands of the Change Programme will provide the means to identify options to address projected budget shortfalls;
- g) Note that the updated projections at this time indicate that a budget gap of £6.027 million for 2017/18 rising to £ 31.962 million by 2021/22, though these are heavily dependent on the assumptions detailed in the report;
- h) Write to the Scottish Government to demand that all monies raised through Council Tax remain within the Local Authorities where the Council Tax is raised; and
- i) Otherwise note the contents of the report.

Action

Chief Executive/Head of Finance and Integrated Service Support
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Report No.	Report Title	Presented by:
8.5	Financial Monitoring 2016 -17 – General Fund Revenue	Head of Finance and Integrated Service Support

Outline of report and summary of discussion
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The Council heard from the Head of Finance and Integrated Service Support who presented a report which provided the Council with information on the performance against revenue budget in 2016/17 and the details of the material variances.

Councillor moved that the recommendations in the report were accepted and Councillor Bryant seconded this.

Decision

The Council agreed to:

- a) Note the content of the report

Report No.	Report Title	Presented by:
8.6	Treasury Management Mid-Year Review Report 2016/17	Head of Finance and Integrated Service Support

Outline of report and summary of discussion
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The Council heard from the Head of Finance and Integrated Service Support who presented a report which sought to inform Members of the Treasury Management activity undertaken during the first half of 2016/17, the forecast activity for the second half of 2016/17, and provide an update in relation to the Prudential Indicators for 2016/17.

Councillor Parry moved that the recommendations contained within the report were accepted. This was seconded by Councillor Bryant.

Councillor Baxter requested further detail in relation to whether the Council had any deposits with Deutsche Bank and the Head of Finance and Integrated Service Support confirmed he would provide the Councillor with the information.

Councillor Milligan expressed his congratulations to the Finance Team for their work in relation to managing the Council's borrowing requirement.

Decision

The Council agreed to:

- a) Note the report and the treasury activity undertaken in the period to 07 October 2016, as outlined in Section 4 of the report;
- b) Note the forecast activity during the second-half of the year as outlined in Section 5 of the report;
- c) Approve the revisions to the Prudential Indicators in Section 6 of the report.

Action

Head of Finance and Integrated Service Support

Report No.	Report Title	Presented by:
8.7	General Services Capital Plan 2016-17 to 2020-21	Head of Finance and Integrated Service Support

Outline of report and summary of discussion

The Council heard from the Head of Finance and Integrated Service Support who presented a report which provided the Council with information on the projected performance of the General Services Capital Plan against budget for 2016/17.

Councillor Parry moved that the recommendations contained with the report were accepted which was seconded by Councillor Bryant.

Decision

The Council agreed to:

- a) Note the General Services Capital Plan Quarter 2 monitoring position for 2016/17;
- b) Approve the following projects as outlined in Table 2 of the report in Section 2.2 to be added to the General Services Capital Plan: (a) Inspiring Learning Spaces, (b) GoreGlen & Bilston Primary Schools

Digital Services, and (c) Mayfield Park Amenities.

Action

Head of Finance and Integrated Service Support

Report No.	Report Title	Presented by:
8.8	Housing Revenue Account	Head of Finance and Integrated Service Support

Outline of report and summary of discussion

The Council heard from the Head of Finance and Integrated Service Support who presented a report which provided the Council with a summary of expenditure and income to 23 September 2016 for the Capital Plan and a projected outturn for both the Housing Revenue Account and Capital Plan for 2016/17.

Councillor Parry moved that the recommendations contained in the report were accepted which was seconded by Councillor Bryant.

Decision

The Council agreed to:

- a) Note the content of the report.

Report No.	Report Title	Presented by:
8.9	Impact of Exiting the European Union	Chief Executive

Outline of report and summary of discussion

The Council heard from the Chief Executive who presented a report setting out the initial assessment of the impact on Midlothian of the decision to leave the European Union. The report presented focused on the loss of European Union grant aid with the further questions of economic and social policy impact to be considered at a later stage when it is clearer what the new relationship with the European Union will be.

Councillors de Vink, Bryant and Parry spoke in relation to their concerns in relation to the potential impact of exiting the European Union.

Following this short discussion the Council agreed to approve the recommendations contained in the report.

Decision

The Council agreed to:

- a) Note this initial analysis of the potential impacts on Midlothian of the UK leaving the European Union;
- b) Note the need for the Council to continue to monitor the impact on Midlothian as the future position clarifies, assembling the relevant data and evidence and using this as appropriate to lobby the UK and /or Scottish Governments in respect of any particular identified interests either on its own part or through COSLA; and
- c) Request further reports to Council as appropriate in due course.

Action

Chief Executive

Report No.	Report Title	Presented by:
8.10	Chief Social Work Officer Annual Report 2015-16.	Chief Social Work Officer

Outline of report and summary of discussion

The Council heard from the Chief Social Work Officer who presented the annual report of the Chief Social Work Officer on the statutory work undertaken on the Council's behalf. The report also provided the Council with an overview of regulation and inspection, workforce issues and significant social policy themes current over the past year.

Councillor Johnstone highlighted that Midlothian and East Lothian Council were leading the way in Public Protection which was a good example of how a shared service approach can work. Further Councillor Johnstone highlighted the work of the Early Intervention service within Children's Social Work and concluded by congratulating the newly qualified social workers within Midlothian. Following this Councillor Johnstone moved that the recommendations were approved by Council. Councillor Bryant seconded the motion.

Councillor Milligan highlighted the budgetary concerns particularly in relation to Homecare packages and the workforce requirements for these. Further Councillor Milligan then asked the Chief Social Work Officer if she felt she had the support from the Corporate Management Team in relation to these challenges to which the Chief Social Work Officer confirmed she had and further highlighted some of the opportunities as a result of Integration.

Councillor Russell highlighted the positive benefit of joint working particularly in relation to Mental Health provision. Further Councillor Russell enquired as to the location of the proposed recovery hub to which the Joint Director, Health and Social Care confirmed that the proposals were at an early stage with no confirmation of a location.

Decision

The Council:

- a) Agreed the Chief Social Work Officer's Annual Report for 2015-16; and
- b) Agreed that the Chief Social Work Officer should place a copy of the annual report on the Council website.

Action

Chief Social Work Officer.

Report No.	Report Title	Presented by:
8.11	Community Payback Order Annual Report 2015-16	Joint Director, Health and Social Care

Outline of report and summary of discussion

The Council heard from the Joint Director, Health and Social Care who presented the Community Payback Order Annual Report 2015-16.

Councillor Johnstone moved that the recommendations were accepted and this was seconded by Councillor Bryant.

Decision

The Council agreed to:

- a) Note the content of the Community Payback Order Annual Report 2015/16.

Report No.	Report Title	Presented by:
8.12	Extra Care Housing	Joint Director, Health and Social Care

Outline of report and summary of discussion

The Council heard from the Joint Director, Health and Social Care who presented a report seeking agreement to the development of extra care housing provision including through Phase 3 Housing Programme.

Councillor Johnstone moved that the recommendations were approved by the Council.

Councillor de Vink suggested that a different approach should be taken in relation to the care for the elderly and spoke particularly of a different model of care.

Councillor Rosie seconded Councillor Johnstone's motion and supported Councillor de Vink's comments.

Councillor Muirhead asked whether any further progress had been made in relation to Councillor de Vink's suggestion and the Joint Director, Health and Social Care confirmed that Midlothian would be happy to consider this further.

Decision

The Council agreed:

- a) To note the range of developments in housing which support the health and care agenda;
- b) In principle to the proposal to include extra care housing in the Phase 3 Housing Programme; and
- c) In principle to the objective of providing some form of extra care housing for older people in all communities in Midlothian.

Action

Joint Director, Health and Social Care

Report No.	Report Title	Presented by:
8.13	East Lothian and Midlothian Public Protection Committee Annual Report 2015/16	Head of Adult Social Care

Outline of report and summary of discussion

The Council heard from the Head of Adult Social Care who presented the report which highlighted the progress of the East Lothian and Midlothian Public Protection Committee in 2015/16.

Councillor Johnstone moved that the recommendations in the report were accepted which was seconded by Councillor Bryant.

Decision

The Council agreed to:

- a) Note the report and the progress made by the East and Midlothian Public Protection Committee during 2015/16

Report No.	Report Title	Presented by:
8.14	Scottish Social Security Consultation Response	Director, Education, Communities and Economy

Outline of report and summary of discussion

The Council heard from the Director, Education, Communities and Economy who presented the report which sought to provide the Council with the background to the Scottish Government's initial consultation on proposed Scottish social security legislation, and to request that the Council notes the response submitted by the community planning partnership.

Councillor Parry noted that the response was in her opinion extremely well thought out and was reflective of her own views and moved that recommendations were approved following which the Council approved the recommendations.

Decision

The Council agreed to:

- a) Note the response by the community planning partnership.

9. Exclusion of Members of the Public

In view of the nature of the business to be transacted, the Council agreed that the public be excluded from the meeting during discussion of the undernoted item, as contained in the Addendum hereto, as there might be disclosed exempt information as defined in paragraphs 6 and 9 of Part I of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973:-

- (a) Midlothian and Edinburgh Zero Waste Parc Project Update – report by Director Resources – approved
- (b) Head Teacher Appointments – For Approval by Midlothian Council – presented by Director, Education, Communities and Economy - approved