

Minute of Meeting

Performance Review and Scrutiny Committee
Tuesday 6 September 2016
Item No 4.1



Special Performance, Review and Scrutiny Committee

Date	Time	Venue
26 April 2016	11.00am	Council Chambers, Midlothian House, Buccleuch Street, Dalkeith

Present:

Councillor Milligan (Chair)	
Councillor Baxter	Councillor Bennett
Councillor de Vink	Councillor Imrie
Councillor Pottinger	Councillor Wallace

Also in Attendance:

Kenneth Lawrie	Chief Executive
Mary Smith	Director, Education, Communities and Economy

1 Apologies

1.1. No apologies received.

2 Order of Business

2.1 The Chair agreed to change the order of business as outlined below and item 5.1 would be discussed at the end of the Public Reports, this would allow copies of the report to be distributed to the members.

3 Declarations of interest

3.1 No declarations of interest were intimated.

4 Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes of the following meetings were submitted and approved as a correct record:

4.1 Performance, Review and Scrutiny Committee of 8 March 2016

4.2 Special Performance, Review and Scrutiny Committee of 9 March 2016 (1)

4.3 Special Performance, Review and Scrutiny Committee of 9 March 2016 (2)

5 Public Reports

Agenda No	Title	Submitted by:
5.2	Midlothian Residential Service for Young People	Director Resources

Outline and summary of item

With reference to the Minutes of the Cabinet dated 19 April 2016, there was submitted a report by Head of Children's Services dated 29 February 2016 providing members with an outline of the outcomes of the unannounced Inspection carried out by the Care Inspectorate in November 2015.

The Director of Education, Communities and Economy presented the Report to the members highlighting the findings of this Inspection and the grades awarded by the Care Inspectorate.

Decision

(a) To note the content of the Inspection Report

- (b) To acknowledge the continued improvement since the last Inspection and the positive and ongoing work by management and staff connected with the Midlothian Residential Services for Young People.
- (c) To congratulate the staff connected with the Midlothian Residential Services for Young People on the Very Good Inspection Report.

Action

Director Education, Communities and Economy

Agenda No	Title	Submitted by:
5.3	Midlothian Council Fostering Service	Director Resources

Outline and summary of item

With reference to the Minutes of the Cabinet dated 19 April 2016, there was submitted a report by Head of Children's Services dated 29 February 2016 providing members with an outline of the outcomes of the unannounced Inspection carried out by the Care Inspectorate in November 2015.

The Director of Education, Communities and Economy presented the Report to the members highlighting the findings of this Inspection and the grades awarded by the Care Inspectorate. The Director of Education, Communities and Economy then clarified for the members the reasons why there were differences in the grading in the reports.

Decision

- (a) To note the content of the inspection report.
- (b) To note that the Council would continue to challenge, support and monitor the service in relation to the delivering excellence framework.
- (c) To congratulate the management and staff connected with the Midlothian Council Fostering Service on the strengths identified in the report.

Action

Director of Education, Communities and Economy

Agenda No	Title	Submitted by:
5.4	Midlothian Council Adoption Service	Director Resources

Outline and summary of item

With reference to the Minutes of the Cabinet dated 19 April 2016, there was submitted a report by Head of Children's Services dated 29 February 2016 providing members with an outline of the outcomes of the unannounced Inspection carried out by the Care Inspectorate in November 2015.

The Director of Education, Communities and Economy presented the Report to the members highlighting the findings of this Inspection and the grades awarded by the Care Inspectorate.

Decision

- (d) To note the content of the inspection report.
- (e) To note that the Council would continue to challenge, support and monitor the service in relation to the delivering excellence framework.
- (a) To congratulate the management and staff connected with the Midlothian Council Adoption Service on the strengths identified in the report.

Action

Director of Education, Communities and Economy

Agenda No	Title	Submitted by:
5.1	Procedure for External Inspection Reports	Director Resources

Outline and summary of item

There was submitted a report by The Chief Executive dated 30 March 2016 outlining the proposed approach to be applied to all published external inspection reports for services which Midlothian Council has direct responsibility for and which are subject to inspection from the following agencies:

- Care Inspectorate
- Education Scotland
- Healthcare Improvement Scotland
- Mental Welfare Commission
- Scottish Housing Regulator

The information in this report and supporting appendices are in response to the Performance Review and Scrutiny Committee's request at the meeting on the 19 January 2016

The Chief Executive highlighted to the committee the External Inspection Process and the proposed Procedure for External Inspection Reports. The Chief Executive responded to questions raised by the Committee and it was agreed the following amendments would be made to the Procedure for External Inspection Reports:

- Clarity in Section 3 with regards to sharing the initial feedback from the Inspection Report.
- Change the order of Section 3 and 4.

Decision

- (a) To amend the Procedure for External Inspection Reports in respect of Items 3 and 4.
- (b) To bring back to the next Performance Review and Scrutiny Committee

Action

Chief Executive.

6 Private Reports

No Private Reports were submitted.

Meeting terminated at 12.30 pm