

Minute of Meeting



Cabinet

Date	Time	Venue
19 October 2021	11.00 am	Held via Microsoft Teams

Present:

Councillor Muirhead – Depute Convener	Councillor Curran
Councillor Hackett	Councillor Imrie

Also Present:

Councillor Alexander	Councillor Johnstone
Councillor Lay Douglas	Councillor Parry
Councillor Wallace	Councillor Winchester

In attendance:

Dr Grace Vickers, Chief Executive
Kevin Anderson, Executive Director Place
Morag Barrow, Joint Director Health and Social Care
Fiona Robertson, Executive Director Children, Young People and Partnerships
Derek Oliver, Chief Officer Place
Grace Cowan, Head of Primary Care & Older People's Services
John Butcher, External Consultant - ASN & Inclusion
Myra Forsyth, Quality and Scrutiny Manager
Elaine Johnston, Policy and Scrutiny Officer
Saty Kaur, Executive Business Manager
Lynn Cochrane, Communications Team Lead
Marco Reece-Heal, Business Analyst
Ross Neill, Democratic Services Team Leader
Andrew Henderson, Democratic Services Officer,

1 Apologies

Apologies for absence had been received on behalf of Councillor Milligan (Convener) and Religious Representatives Vic Bourne and Elizabeth Morton. In the absence of the Convener, Councillor Muirhead assumed the Chair for this meeting.

2 Order of Business

The Order of Business was as detailed within the Agenda.

3 Declarations of interest

No declarations of interest were received.

4 Minutes of Previous Meetings

4.1 The Minute of the Meeting of the Cabinet held on 7 September 2021 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

4.2 Matters arising from previous minute - None

Additional - in Memory of David Amess (MP)

Councillor Muirhead (Chair) asked all present to join him and stand in a minutes silence in memory of David Amess MP who attacked and murdered while conducting his duties as an MP on Friday 15 October 2021.

5. Reports

Agenda No.	Report Title	Presented by:
5.1	Inspection of Midlothian Council Care at Home service Highbank Care Inspection Report	Director of Health and Social Care
Outline of report and summary of discussion		
<p>Highbank Intermediate Care facility is registered to provide care to a Maximum of 40 people over the age of 60, of which 6 will be respite/short breaks places (Respite care was suspended in line with Covid-19 guidance March 2020, and it should be noted that respite has not resumed in the facility at this time).</p> <p>The facility provides intermediate care which includes rehabilitation and assessment. Placements are usually short term before people move home or to another care setting managed under multidisciplinary/multi-agency team of professionals.</p> <p>There are three main aims of Highbank Intermediate Care:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Help people avoid going into hospital unnecessarily.• Help people to be as independent as possible following a stay in Hospital.• Prevent people from having to move into a Care home until they really need to.		

Following the recent inspection a report was published that details the areas of its findings and outlines areas for recommendation and/or requirements.

The inspection report grades the areas of inspection from 1 (Unsatisfactory) to 6 (Excellent). From this inspection this service was evaluated as follows:

How well do we support peoples wellbeing 4 Good

**How good is our care and support during the 4 Good
COVID-19 pandemic?**

Morag Barrow – Spoke to the report highlighting the excellent results and the consistency of work the staff have maintained during what has been a difficult time, she noted that Trip Hazard was noted as an area for improvement.

Chair Cllr Muirhead – Thanked Morag and her team for the excellent work and the recent inspection report.

Councillor Hackett – Agreed and highlighted further positive comments within the report itself.

Decision

Noted the content of the report

Agenda No.	Report Title	Presented by:
5.2	Midlothian Council Statutory Report to Scottish Ministers on Public Bodies Climate Change Duties 2020 - 21	Chief Officer Place
Outline of report and summary of discussion		
<p>The purpose of this report is to inform Cabinet of the Council statement of compliance with its statutory climate change reporting duties for 2020/21, a copy of which is available in the CMIS Member's Library, and to recommend its submission to Scottish Government by the due date of 30 November 2021.</p> <p>It is recommended that Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) approves the Council's Report on Compliance with the Public Bodies Climate Change Duties for 2020/21; and(b) agrees to the submission of the report to Scottish Ministers by 30 November 2021. <p>Derek Oliver – Spoke to the paper noting the focus on Estate and operations and asked for recommendations to be approved and submitted to the Scottish Government</p>		
Decision		
Agreed Unanimously		

Agenda No.	Report Title	Presented by:
5.3	Platinum Jubilee Public Holiday paper	Executive Business Manager Children Young People and Partnerships
Outline of report and summary of discussion		
<p>The authority is required to set school session dates each year with regard to statutory attendance.</p> <p>A scheme of session dates for Midlothian schools for the academic year 2021/22 was drawn up and approved by Council 16 June 2020.</p> <p>The report notes the UK Government's announcement of an additional holiday to mark Her Majesty The Queen's 70th anniversary as monarch in summer 2022 and thus seeks approval of an additional Public Holiday on Friday 3 June 2022 for schools.</p> <p>MNCT has agreed the session dates for 2021/22 which are attached to this report as Appendix B.</p> <p>Cabinet is requested to</p> <p>i. Following agreement by Council on 11 May 2021 to grant the Local Government Workforce an additional public holiday on Friday 3 June 2022 to mark the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen, Cabinet is asked to grant the same public holiday to those on SNCT terms and conditions</p> <p>John Butcher spoke to the item noting that after consultation with parents groups, teaching unions and staff feedback was positive for a public holiday on 3rd June 2022, Scottish ministers were also consulted and were content that the school years would be reduced from 190 days to 189.</p> <p>Work by all staff will ensure the impact to pupils is mitigated to reduce any disruption.</p> <p>Councillor Hackett – Queried the impact to support staff</p> <p>John Butcher – Confirmed there would be none as support staff would receive the public holiday</p>		
Decision		
Agreed Unanimously		

6 Private Reports

No items for discussion

7 Date of the Next

Tuesday 30th of November at 11.00 am

The meeting terminated at 11.15 am.