

## **MINUTES of MEETING of the MIDLOTHIAN COUNCIL PERFORMANCE REVIEW**

**AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chambers, Midlothian House,

Buccleuch Street, Dalkeith on Tuesday, 5 March 2013 at 11.00 am.

**Present:-** Councillors Milligan (Chair), Montgomery, Muirhead, Pottinger, Rosie, Russell and Wallace.

**Apologies for Absence:-** Councillors Boyes and Coventry

### **1      Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were intimated.

### **2      Minutes**

The Minutes of Meeting of 22 January 2013 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

### **3      Inspection of Midfield Young Peoples Centre**

With reference to paragraph of the minutes of the Cabinet of 15 January 2013, there was submitted report, dated 25 January 2013, by the Director, Corporate Resources, incorporating a report dated 22 November 2012, by the Director, Education and Children's Services, outlining the outcome an inspection carried out at Midfield Young people's Centre by the Care Inspectorate in June and July 2012. The Care Inspectorate awarded the following grades:

Quality of Care and Support – Grade 3 (adequate)

Quality of Environment – Grade 3 (adequate)

Quality of Staffing - Grade 4 (good)

Quality of Management and Leadership – Grade 2 (weak).

As a result of recommendations in the report, an action plan had been developed which had ensured that staff at the unit attended management skills and leadership courses and that a contingency plan was in place to respond to long term sickness absences.

#### **Decision**

- (a) To note the report; and
- (b) To congratulate the young people and staff connected with Midfield Young Peoples Centre on the key strengths highlighted in the report.

(Action: Director, Education and Children's Services).

#### 4 **Inspection of St Matthew's RC Primary School**

With reference to paragraph of the minutes of the Cabinet of 15 January 2013, there was submitted report, dated 25 January 2013, by the Director, Corporate Resources, incorporating a report dated 21 November 2012, by the Director, Education and Children's Services, outlining the outcome of an inspection carried out at St. Matthew's RC Primary School, Rosewell by HM Inspectors in October 2012. The inspection had resulted in the following evaluations, viz:-

Improvements in Performance - Good

Learner's Experiences – Very Good

Meeting Learning Needs – Very Good

The Curriculum – Good

Improvement through self evaluation – Good

The following areas for improvement had been agreed between Education Scotland, the school and the Education and Children's Services Division:

*Continue to improve attainment in mathematics;*

*Further improve achievement by developing quality programmes and courses across curriculum areas; and*

*Develop more systematic approaches to self-evaluation, which focus on further improvements to learning, teaching and attainment.*

#### **Decision**

- (a) To note the report;
- (b) To congratulate the pupils, parents and staff connected with St Matthew's RC Primary School on the key strengths highlighted in the report; and
- (c) To note that, whilst acknowledging the progress reflected in the report, the Council would continue to challenge, support and monitor the service in relation to achieving excellence through further improving performance.

#### 5 **Inspection of Tynewater Primary School**

With reference to paragraph of the minutes of the Cabinet of 15 January 2013, there was submitted report, dated 25 January 2013, by the Director, Corporate Resources, incorporating a report dated 21 November 2012, by the Director, Education and Children's Services outlining the outcome of an inspection carried out at St. Tynewater Primary School and Nursery Class, Pathhead, by HM Inspectors in September 2012. The inspection had resulted in the following evaluations, viz:-

	Primary School	Nursery Class
Improvements in Performance -	Good	Good
Learner's Experiences	Good	Good
Meeting Learning Needs	Good	Good

The Curriculum	Good	Good
Improvement through self evaluation	Good	Good

The following areas for improvement had been agreed between Education Scotland, the school and the Education and Children's Services Division:

*Develop the strengths and leadership capacity of the whole staff team.*

*Develop dialogue with children about their learning.*

### **Decision**

- (a) To note the report;
- (b) To congratulate the pupils, parents and staff connected with Tynewater Primary School and Nursery Class on the key strengths highlighted in the report;
- (c) To note that, whilst acknowledging the progress reflected in the report, the Council would continue to challenge, support and monitor the service in relation to achieving excellence through further improving performance; and
- (d) To note that as part of the monitoring of the School service, an annual survey of schools staff was undertaken to inform the improvement process.

The Meeting terminated at 11.35 am.