

Minute of Meeting



Performance Review and Scrutiny
Tuesday 7 March 2017
Item No. 4.1

Performance, Review and Scrutiny Committee

Date	Time	Venue
24 January 2017	11.00am	Council Chambers, Midlothian House, Buccleuch Street, Dalkeith

Present:

Councillor Milligan (Chair)	
Councillor Baxter	Councillor Beattie
Councillor Bennett	Councillor Imrie
Councillor Muirhead	Councillor Pottinger
Councillor Russell	Councillor Wallace

Also in Attendance:

Kenneth Lawrie	Chief Executive
Grace Vickers	Head of Education
Mary Smith	Director Education, Communities and Economy
Peter Arnsdorf	Planning Manager

1 Apologies

Apologies received from Councillors de Vink, Montgomery and Young.

2 Order of Business

The order of Business was as set out on the Agenda

3 Declarations of interest

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 29 November 2016
- 4.2 Special Performance, Review and Scrutiny Committee of 30 November 2016 (1)
- 4.3 Special Performance, Review and Scrutiny Committee of 30 November 2016 (2)
- 4.4 Performance, Review and Scrutiny Sub Committee of 2 May 2016

5 Public Reports

Agenda No	Title	Presented by:
5.1	Newbyres Village Care Home	Chief Executive
Outline and summary of item		
The Chief Executive explained that this item was added to the Agenda with the intention of the Sub Committee meeting in advance of this meeting. The Chief Executive apologised to the Committee that the Report had not been circulated to the members before today and would ensure it was distributed before the meeting of the Sub Committee.		
Decision		
The Report on the Remit of the Performance Review and Scrutiny Sub Committee (Newbyres) to be added to the Agenda of the next meeting of the Performance, Review and Scrutiny Committee.		
Action		
Chief Executive/Democratic Services Team		

Agenda No	Title	Submitted by:
5.2	Education Scotland Inspection Report: Community Learning and Development in Midlothian Council – Report by Head of Education	Head of Education
Outline and summary of item		
<p>With reference to the Minutes of Cabinet dated 10 January 2017, there was submitted a report by Head of Education dated 10 January 2017 providing Members with the findings of the Education Scotland Inspection of Community Learning and Development in Midlothian Council which was published on 13 December 2016.</p> <p>Grace Vickers, The Head of Education presented the report to the Committee highlighting the inspection focussed on both the strategic leadership across Midlothian and place-based delivery within the communities of Dalkeith, Woodburn, Gorebridge, Mayfield and Easthouses.</p> <p>Thereafter several members of the Committee commented on the very good report and wished to pass on their Congratulations to the staff.</p>		
Decision		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To note the content of this report. • To recognise and to celebrate the quality, range and life changing impact of the learning and development taking place. • To support the recommended areas of action to ensure that the learning and development offered across Midlothian moves from very good to excellent and that progress will be reported through existing Council and Community Planning Partnership performance reporting mechanisms. • To Congratulate the Staff 		
Action		
Head of Education		

Agenda No	Title	Submitted by:
5.3	Procedure for Reporting of Complaints Progressed to the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman	Chief Executive
Outline and summary of item		
<p>With reference to the minutes of Cabinet dated 10 January 2017, there was submitted a report by The Chief Executive dated 22 November 2016.</p> <p>The Cabinet in respect of the Report had agreed on 12 January 2016 the following</p>		

recommendations:

- a) To approve the procedure for monitoring compliance and performance in relation to complaints made directly to SPSO as set out in Appendix 2;
- b) To agree the framework for a consistent approach to SPSO complaint outcome compliance; and
- c) To refer the report to the Performance, Review and Scrutiny Committee for their interest.

The Chief Executive presented the Report to the Committee and thereafter responded to questions and comments from the Members.

Decision

To note the report

Agenda No	Title	Submitted by:
5.4	Report for the Scottish Ministers on Compliance with Climate Change Duties for 2015-16	Head of Communities and Economy
Outline and summary of item		
<p>With reference to the minutes of the Performance Review and Scrutiny Committee of 29 November 2016 and the Cabinet of 22 November, there was submitted a Report dated 14 November 2016 informing the Committee of the Council's Statement of Compliance with Climate Change duties for 2015/16. Mr Arnsdorf responded to questions raised by Councillor Baxter, partly answering some questions and committed to providing fuller responses to the remaining questions.</p> <p>The Performance Review and Scrutiny Committee of 29 November agreed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To note the terms of the Report forming the basis of the Council's submission, which had now been lodged to Scottish Ministers? • To continue the matter to the next meeting of the Committee to be held on 24 January 2017, for submission of fuller responses to the questions. <p>Mr Arnsdorf presented the Report to the Committee which provided responses to the outstanding questions raised at its meeting on 29 November 2016. Councillor Baxter commented that he was satisfied with the responses given and would look forward to future reports.</p> <p>Thereafter the Chief Executive responded to a question raised the Members in relation to Reports presented to Cabinet and not always referred automatically onto Performance Review and Scrutiny Committee.</p>		

Decision
To note the points of clarification outlined in the Report.

6 Private Reports

No private reports submitted for discussion

The meeting terminated at 11.20 am