

Minute of Meeting

Cabinet
Tuesday 9 April 2019
Item No.4.1



Cabinet

Date	Time	Venue
26 February 2019	11.00 am	Council Chambers, Midlothian House, Buccleuch Street, Dalkeith

Present:

Councillor Milligan - Convener	
Councillor Muirhead – Depute Convener	
Councillor Imrie	
Councillor Curran	
Councillor Hackett	

Religious Representatives:

Mr Vic Bourne	
Mrs Elizabeth Morton	

1 Apologies

No apologies had been received.

2 Order of Business

The Order of Business was as detailed on the Agenda.

3 Declarations of interest

No declarations of interest were received.

4 Minutes of Previous Meetings

The Minutes of Meeting of the Cabinet held on 15 January 2019 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

5. Reports

Agenda No.	Report Title	Presented by:
5.1	Inspection of Paradykes Primary School and Nursery Class	Director, Education, Communities and Economy
Outline of report and summary of discussion		
<p>This report outlined the outcome of the inspection carried out by Education Scotland which was communicated in their letter dated 22 January 2019.</p> <p>Following inspection, Education Scotland gathered evaluations of the core quality indicators to keep track of how well all Scottish Early, Learning and Childcare settings and schools were doing. The visit had a specific focus on raising attainment and achievement and how the school was addressing the need to close the equity gap; and the quality of teaching, learning and assessment. This inspection was a full version, meaning that QIs 1.3, 3.1 and 3.2 were a key focus. Education Scotland published a statement about the confidence they had in the school's capacity for improvement. Noted below are the evaluations for Paradykes Primary School and Nursery Class:</p>		
School		
QI 1.3 Self-evaluation for self-improvement		Good
QI 2.3 Learning, Teaching and Assessment		Good
QI 3.1 Ensuring Wellbeing, Equality and Inclusion		Good
QI 3.2 Raising attainment and achievement		Satisfactory
Nursery Class		
QI 1.3 Self-evaluation for self-improvement		Good
QI 2.3 Learning, Teaching and Assessment		Good
QI 3.1 Ensuring Wellbeing, Equality and Inclusion		Very Good
QI 3.2 Securing Children's Progress		Good
<p>The inspection team found the following strengths in the school's work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The effective leadership of the Head Teacher together with the depute Head Teacher in creating a caring and inclusive ethos. The welcoming		

environment where, staff, partners, parents and children feel valued.

- The energetic children who value play, were keen to be actively involved and take increasing responsibility for their learning.
- The school's capacity to continually improve through strong teamwork between teachers, practitioners, support staff and partners.
- The clear understanding of the needs of children and their families leading to children's readiness to learn and improved wellbeing.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the Head Teacher and a representative from Midlothian Council:

- Continue to develop robust approaches to assessment leading to consistency in high quality learning and teaching.
- Continue to evaluate the school's improvement initiatives and raise attainment and achievement for all.

The report advised that a Schools Group Manager would continue to directly support the school to improve attainment and achievement in particular. This action would also be in the school's improvement plan and would be monitored through the quality assurance process. The Director, Education, Communities and Economy was heard in amplification of the report.

Decision

- (a) To note the content of the inspection report;
- (b) To congratulate the staff, pupils and parents on the positive outcome of this inspection;
- (c) To note the key strengths outlined in the report.
- (d) To note the significant areas for improvement;
- (e) To note that Education Scotland would not return to the school with regard to this particular inspection.
- (f) To pass the report to the Performance, Review and Scrutiny Committee for its consideration.

Action

Director, Education, Communities and Economy

Agenda No	Report Title	Presented by:
5.2	Adult Social Care Quarter 2 Performance Report 2018/19	Joint Director, Health and Social Care
Outline of report and summary of discussion		
The Quarter 3 Performance Report 2018/19 for Adult Social Care was submitted. The Joint Director, Health and Social Care highlighted to the Cabinet the progress in the delivery of strategic outcomes and summary of the emerging challenges as detailed within the report and thereafter answered questions raised by elected Members.		
Decision		
To note the content of the report.		

Agenda No	Report Title	Presented by:
5.3	Children's Services Quarter 3 Performance Report 2018/19	Director, Education, Communities and Economy
Outline of report and summary of discussion		
<p>The Quarter 3 2018/19 Performance Report for Children's Services was submitted. The Director, Education, Communities and Economy highlighted to the Cabinet the progress in the delivery of strategic outcomes and summary of the emerging challenges as detailed within the report. She also advised that certain information with regard to the Risk Evaluations had not been detailed within the report but assured Members that this would be resolved for the Q4 report. Thereafter she answered questions raised by elected Members.</p>		
Decision		
<p>(a) That the details with regard to the Risk Evaluations which had been omitted from the report be circulated to Cabinet Members; and</p> <p>(b) To otherwise note the content of the report.</p>		
Action		
Director, Education, Communities and Economy		

Agenda No	Report Title	Presented by:
5.4	Customer and Housing Services Quarter 3 Performance Report 2018/19	Joint Director, Health and Social Care
Outline of report and summary of discussion		
<p>The Quarter 3 Performance Report 2018/19 for Customer and Housing Services was submitted. The Joint Director, Health and Social Care highlighted to the Cabinet the progress in the delivery of strategic outcomes and summary of the emerging challenges as detailed within the report and thereafter along with the Acting Director, Resources answered questions raised by elected Members.</p>		
Decision		
To note the content of the report.		

Agenda No	Report Title	Presented by:
5.5	Communities and Economy Quarter 3 Performance Report 2018/19	Director, Education, Communities and Economy
Outline of report and summary of discussion		
<p>The Quarter 3 Performance Report 2018/19 for Communities and Economy was submitted. The Director, Education, Communities and Economy highlighted the progress in the delivery of strategic outcomes and summary of the emerging challenges as detailed within the report and thereafter answered questions raised by elected Members.</p>		
Decision		

- (a) To note the recent appointment of Ann Marie Macaskill as the Economic Development Manager; and
- (b) To otherwise note the content of the report.

Agenda No	Report Title	Presented by:
5.6	Education Q3 Performance Report 2018/19	Director, Education, Communities and Economy
Outline of report and summary of discussion		
<p>The Quarter 3 Performance Report 2018/19 for Education was submitted. The highlighted to the Cabinet the progress in the delivery of strategic outcomes and summary of the emerging challenges as detailed within the report.</p> <p>Thereafter the Director, Education, Communities and Economy responded to questions and comments raised by members during which she agreed to continue to appraise Members on the risks associated with the area of School Capacities/Catchment Areas/Demand for Pupil Places.</p>		
Decision		
To note the content of the report.		
Action		
Director, Education, Communities and Economy		

Agenda No	Report Title	Presented by:
5.7	Commercial Operations Q3 Performance Report 2018/19	Acting Director, Resources
Outline of report and summary of discussion		
<p>The Quarter 3 Performance Report 2018/19 for Commercial Operations was submitted. The Acting Director, Resources highlighted the progress in the delivery of strategic outcomes and summary of the emerging challenges as detailed within the report and thereafter answered questions raised by elected Members during which he agreed to provide Cabinet Members with the current number of households that had taken up the option of having a Brown Bin.</p>		
Decision		
To note the content of the report.		
Action		
Acting Director, Resources		

Agenda No	Report Title	Presented by:
5.8	Finance and Integrated Service Support Quarter 3 Performance Report 2017/18	Acting Director, Resources
Outline of report and summary of discussion		
The Quarter 3 Performance Report 2018/19 for Finance and Integrated Service Support was submitted. The Acting Director, Resources highlighted to the Cabinet the progress in the delivery of strategic outcomes and summary of the emerging challenges as detailed within the report and thereafter answered questions raised by elected Members.		
Decision		
To note the content of the report.		

Agenda No	Report Title	Presented by:
5.9	Property and Facilities Management Quarter 3 Performance Report 2018/19	Acting Director, Resources
Outline of report and summary of discussion		
The Quarter 3 Performance Report 2018/19 for Properties and Facilities Management was submitted. The Acting Director, Resources highlighted to the Cabinet the progress in the delivery of strategic outcomes and summary of the emerging challenges as detailed in the Report.		
Thereafter the Acting Director Resources responded to questions and comments raised by members of the Cabinet.		
Decision		
To note the content of the report.		
Action		
Acting Director, Resources		

Agenda No	Report Title	Presented by:
5.10	Midlothian Council Quarter 3 Performance Report 2018/19	Chief Executive
Outline of report and summary of discussion		
The Quarter 3 Performance Report 2018/19 for Midlothian Council was submitted detailing the delivery of Midlothian Council's priorities through the Community Planning Partnership and the Single Midlothian Plan. The Council Transformation Strategy and Individual Service Plans outlined how Midlothian Council would deliver its contribution to the Single Midlothian Plan.		
The Chief Executive highlighted the progress made since the Q2 report and thereafter answered questions raised by elected Members.		
Decision		
To note the content of the report.		

Agenda No	Report Title	Presented by:
5.11	2017/18 Local Government Benchmarking Results	Chief Executive
Outline of report and summary of discussion		
The purpose of the report was to provide the Local Government Benchmarking Framework (LGBF) overview of the Council's performance against the indicators for 2017/18 as detailed within an Appendix to the report. The Chief Executive was heard in amplification of the report.		
Decision		
To note the report.		

Agenda No	Report Title	Presented by:
5.12	UK Exit from the European Union	Risk Manager
Outline of report and summary of discussion		
The purpose of the report was to highlight the current national position in preparation for a no deal exit from the European Union and to set out the urgent next steps Midlothian Council would need to progress. The Risk Manager was heard in amplification of the report.		
Decision		
To note the report.		

Exclusion of Members of the Public

In view of the nature of the business to be transacted, the Cabinet agreed that the public be excluded from the meeting during discussion of the undernoted items, as contained in the Addendum hereto, as there might be disclosed exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1, 6 and 11 of Part I of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973:-

Agenda No	Report Title
6.1	Minutes of Meeting of the Midlothian Joint Consultative Group of 13 December 2018
Decision	
Cabinet noted the Minutes of Meeting of the Midlothian Joint Consultative Group of 13 December 2018	

Agenda No	Report Title	Presented by:
6.2	Minute of Education Appointment Committee of 25 January 2019 – Head Teacher, Paradykes Primary School	Acting Director, Resources
Decision		
Cabinet noted the appointment of G Grangle as detailed in the report.		

Agenda No	Report Title	Presented by:
6.3	Minute of Education Appointment Committee of 25 January 2019 – Head Teacher, Moorfoot Primary School	Acting Director, Resources
Decision		
Cabinet noted the appointment of J Dagger as detailed in the report.		

Agenda No	Report Title	Presented by:
6.4	Irrecoverable Debt Write-Off	Acting Head of Customer & Housing Services
Decision		
To continue this item to the next meeting in order to receive further information.		

The meeting terminated at 1.00pm.