

Minute of Meeting

Performance Review and Scrutiny Committee
Monday 13 December 2021
Item No: 4.2



Performance, Review and Scrutiny Committee

Date	Time	Venue
2 November 2021	11.00 am	Held via Microsoft Teams

Present:

Councillor Johnstone (Chair)	
Councillor Cassidy	Councillor Hardie
Councillor Lay Douglas	Councillor McCall
Councillor McKenzie	Councillor Parry
Councillor Russell	Councillor Smail
Councillor Wallace	Councillor Winchester

Also in Attendance:

Grace Vickers	Chief Executive
Kevin Anderson	Executive Director Place
Alan Turpie	Legal Services Manager/Monitoring Officer
Morag Barrow	Joint Director Health and Social Care
Fiona Robertson	Executive Director Children, Young People & Partnerships
Derek Oliver	Chief Officer Place
Joan Tranent	Chief Officer Children's Services
Myra Forsyth	Continuous Improvement Manager
Grace Cowan	Head of Primary Care and Older Peoples Services
Nick Clater	Head of Adult and Social Care Services
Janet Ritchie	Democratic Services Officer
Andrew Henderson	Democratic Services Officer

1 Apologies

Apologies for absence had been received on behalf of Councillor Alexander.

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

Councillor Parry raised Action Log point 7 and asked for further clarification from the Monitoring Officer of the information he had circulated to Members.

The Monitoring Officer, Alan Turpie confirmed that the Performance Review and Scrutiny Committee could create a sub-committee of this group which could ask for specific reports or ad hoc reports on how the Council was managing various impacts and consequences of the EU exit. However as the increase in costs to buy goods is a financial matter, this would fall outside the remit of the Performance Review and Scrutiny Committee and would be reflected in the Financial Monitoring reports which are presented to Council.

During discussion it was clarified that at the last meeting a vote took place for the creation of a sub-committee of the Performance Review and Scrutiny Committee and by the way of a roll call vote, 7 voted for this and 2 voted against with 1 abstention. The committee debated the benefits of a sub-committee and all the Members of the Performance Review and Scrutiny Committee being part of this sub-committee. After a lengthy discussion on the purpose of this sub-committee and the membership it was agreed that the sub-committee would be created consisting of 6 members from the Performance Review and Scrutiny Committee and chaired by the Chair of the Performance Review and Scrutiny Committee, Councillor Johnstone. It was agreed that each group would feedback to Mr Turpie their nominations for membership of this sub-committee by Wednesday 3 November 2021. It was further clarified that, following advice from the Monitoring Officer, the remit of the sub-committee would be as follows:

To review actions taken to mitigate the effects of EU exit in relation to the delivery of the Council's policy objectives with particular reference to:

- (a) the risks and concerns to local authorities;
- (b) the regulatory impacts of Brexit; and
- (c) the impact of Brexit on the number of EU migrants.

- 4.1 The Minute of the Meeting of the Performance Review and Scrutiny held on 21 September 2021 was submitted and it was agreed that due to inaccuracies within the minute that this minute would be amended and it would be submitted to the next meeting of Performance Review and Scrutiny Committee for approval.

4.2 Action Log

There was no further discussion regarding the action log as all other actions contained within the Action Log had been completed prior to the meeting and the relevant information had been circulated.

5. Reports

Agenda No.	Report Title	Presented by:
5.1	Inspection of Midlothian Council Care at Home Service	Joint Director Health and Social Care
Outline of report and summary of discussion		
<p>This report provided an overview of the recent unannounced Care Inspectorate report for Highbank Intermediate Care facility. 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). This inspection report graded the areas as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How well do we support peoples wellbeing - 4 Good• How good is our care and support during the COVID-19 pandemic? 4 Good <p>Overall the care inspectorate evaluated that staff were good at supporting people's wellbeing. There were important strengths with some areas for improvement.</p> <p>Councillors expressed concern regarding the title and recommendation in the report and the Joint Director of Health and Social Care, Morag Barrow acknowledged the error on the title but confirmed that the correct report had been submitted and apologised that the recommendation had not been amended for this meeting.</p> <p>The Head of Primary Care and Older Peoples Services, Grace Cowan in presenting this report highlighted the good results as detailed in the report and advised that there were two recommendations from this inspection and one previous area for improvement outstanding in relation to falls assessment.</p> <p>Thereafter in responding to a question raised in relation to the previous area of improvement regarding falls assessment, Ms Cowan confirmed that there was a Falls Strategy and plan in place within the Care Home and that the recommendation was to improve on this. She further advised that this work was part of the Falls Group and that they were also awaiting on the National Falls Plan recommendations, which are taken down into local level but were affected by the response to the pandemic. She confirmed that she could not provide information at this time with regards to the details regarding falls, minor or major, during the time from the last report to this report.</p>		
Decision		
To note the content of the report		

6. Private Reports

No items for discussion

7. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 13 December 2021 at 11 am

The meeting terminated at 11.39 am