

Minute of Meeting

Cabinet
Tuesday 1 March 2016
Item No 4.2



Cabinet

Date	Time	Venue
12 January 2016	11am	Council Chambers, Midlothian House, Buccleuch Street, Dalkeith

Present:

Councillor Johnstone	Councillor Bryant
Councillor Constable	Councillor Parry
Councillor Rosie	

Religious Representatives:

Mr V Bourne	Rev R Halley
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1 Apologies

1.1 Apologies received for Mrs M Harkness

2 Order of Business

The order of business was confirmed as outlined in the agenda that had been circulated.

Before the main items of the Agenda were discussed The Chair proposed that a letter of Congratulations was sent from Midlothian Council to Yvonne Anderson, Swimming coach and vice chairperson to the Special Olympics who received an MBE in the Queen's New Year Honours list.

Action: Democratic Service and Document Manager.

3 Declarations of interest

No declarations of interest were received.

4 Minutes of Previous Meetings

4.1 The Minutes of the Meetings of the Cabinet of 17 November 2015 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

Reports

Agenda No	Report Title	Presented by:
5	Performance Reporting 2015/16 – Q2 – Education Service	Director, Resources

Outline of report and summary of discussion

Director Education, Communities and Economy highlighted the main points as set out in the Report which included:

- Emphasis on prevention and early intervention to address barriers to progress and deliver effective outcomes.
- Closing the Gap is the Education Theme for the year ahead focussing on the outcome of the tariff scores.
- Implementation of Named Person by August 2016

Decision

To note the Report

Action

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Agenda No	Title	Presented by:
6	Minutes of Education Appointment Committee of 10 December 2015	

Outline and summary of item
There was submitted the Minutes of Education Appointment Committee of 10 December 2015, appointment of Depute Head Teacher, Saltersgate School.

Decision
That the post of Depute Head Teacher, Saltersgate School be offered to S Shorthouse.

Action
Director Education, Communities and Economy

Agenda No	Report Title	Presented by:
7	Tyne Esk LEADER Programme 2014-20	Director of Education, Communities and Economy

Outline of report and summary of discussion
<p>There was submitted a report dated 18 December to update Cabinet on the progress of the Tyne Esk Leader Programme 2014-20 following Scottish Government approval of the Local Development Strategy and Business Plan.</p> <p>Director Education, Communities and Economy highlighted to the Cabinet the main points of the report and introduced Carol Wright, Economic Development Officer who had successfully secured the bid for funding this programme</p>

Decision
<p>The following recommendations were accepted by Cabinet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) To note the success of the bid for funding for the Tyne Esk LEADER programme 2014-20 and the details of that funding and operational arrangements set out in this report. (b) That Midlothian Council will act as Accountable Body for the 2014-20 Tyne Esk LEADER Programme.

Action

Director Education, Communities and Economy

Agenda No	Report Title	Presented by:
8	Greenhouse Gas Emissions Arising from Business Use of Staff Motor Vehicles ("Grey Fleet")	Head of Communities and Economy

Outline of report and summary of discussion

There was submitted a report dated 18 December to brief Cabinet on the estimated levels of greenhouse gas emissions arising from business use of staff motor vehicles which as increased over recent years, to highlight possible reasons for the increasing levels of such emissions, and to advise on the intended response.

Decision

- (a) To note this report.
- (b) To refer this report to the Performance Review and Scrutiny Committee for its information.

Action

Democratic and Document Services Manager

Agenda No	Report Title	Presented by:
9	Dog Control	Director of Education, Communities and Economy

Outline of report and summary of discussion

There was submitted a report dated 23 December providing members with an update concerning the activities associated with dog control matters in Midlothian.

The report highlighted that complaints received and notices served on dog control continues to increase. It is currently intended that micro-chipping of all canines in Scotland will be required from April 2016.

Since 2011/12 the service commenced the zero-tolerance to dog fouling campaign and the service has used a variety of techniques to make people aware of the legislation. It was noted that there was a decline in the number of complaints Environmental Health receives, with a 60% reduction in a four year period 2011 – 2015.

Decision

- (a) To note the progress made by the Environmental Health Service in addressing the issues of out of control dogs and dog fouling.
- (b) To endorse the approach of seeking to use preventative measures to ensure that all dog owners recognise dog fouling as socially unacceptable.
- (c) To refer this report to the Performance, Review and Scrutiny Committee for information.

Action

- (a) and (b) Director Education, Communities and Economy and
- (c) Democratic and Document Services Manager

10 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 6, 8 and 11 of Part I of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973:-

Irrecoverable Debt Write-off (a) Sundry Debt and (b) Revenue Accounts for Housing Rent Former Tenants and Non-Domestic Rates - approved recommendations contained therein.

The Cabinet thereafter agreed to proceed as detailed in the Addendum hereto.

The meeting terminated at 11.29 am.