

**MINUTES of SPECIAL MEETING of the MIDLOTHIAN PERFORMANCE REVIEW****AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chambers, Midlothian House,

Buccleuch Street, Dalkeith on Tuesday, 19 June 2012 at 11.00 am.

**Present:-** Councillors Milligan (Convener), Baxter, Bennett, Constable, Russell and Muirhead.

**Apologies for Absence:-** Councillors Imrie and Pottinger.

**1 Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were intimated.

**2 2011/2012 Performance Reports – Corporate Resources Division**

There were submitted Performance Reports detailing progress of the plans in respect of the Corporate Resources Division for Customer Services; Property and Facilities Management; Commercial Operations; Planning and Development; and Finance and Human Resources, for Quarter 3 2011/12. Each report contained a summary of the major successes achieved; the major challenges to be faced in 2012/13 and the actions to address them; the budget position and the impact of efficiencies and service reductions. Thereafter, the Committee received verbal updates in respect of each of the reports.

**Decision**

- (a) To note that 30% of the Midlothian Road network required remedial action and to accordingly recommend to the Cabinet that the current budget provision be supplemented by £1m per annum as preventative maintenance until such time as the road network was at a standard that such additional provision was unnecessary;
- (b) To note the successful outcome of negotiations with Lothian Region Transport to provide bus services following the withdrawal of First Bus from the majority of its routes in Midlothian;
- (c) To (i) note that discussions with Lothian Region Transport were continuing in respect of the Bonnyrigg – Straiton route; and (ii) that Elected Members be kept advised of progress in this respect;
- (d) To note that the introduction of “Mobile Working” had resulted in a 76% reduction in the number of return visits in respect of repairs to council property;

- (e) To note the contribution to the cost of the gas infrastructure project at Pathhead from the Housing Revenue Account ;
- (f) To note that the Section 75 agreement in respect of Shawfair was now the subject of renewed discussion with development partners;
- (g) To note that the consultation on the Development Brief in respect of the former Dalkeith High School site had attracted a number of responses and that this would be the subject of a further report in due course;
- (h) To note that savings of 17% on insurance premiums had been secured as a result of a review of procurement arrangements; and
- (i) To note that information on changes to Procurement Law and the possible effect on the Council, would be provided to elected Members.

(Action: (a) Legal and Secretariat Manager; (c) Head of Commercial Operations; (i) head of Finance and Human Resources

The meeting terminated at 11.50 am.