

**East Lothian and Midlothian Public Protection Committee – Adult Support and Protection Biennial Report 2016-18****Report by Alison White Head of Adult Social Care; Chief Social Work Officer****1 Purpose of Report**

The convener of East Lothian and Midlothian Public Protection committee are required to submit a Biennial Report to Scottish Government on the exercise of the Committee's functions under Section 42 of the Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Act 2007. This report reflects the work undertaken of East Lothian and Midlothian Public Protection Committee 2016/18 thereby informing council of its progress in that time.

**2 Background**

- 2.1** The East Lothian and Midlothian Public Protection Committee (EMPPC) is the key strategic group dealing with public protection matters across East Lothian and Midlothian adult support and protection falls within the remit of EMPPC. This includes representatives from key partners (e.g. Social Work, Police Scotland, NHS Lothian, Education, Housing, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sector etc). The committee reports to senior officers through the East Lothian and Midlothian Critical Services Oversight Group. It remains committed to an outcome focused approach to supporting and protecting adults and children who may be at risk of harm, based on an understanding of need gained from evaluation activity

**3 Report Implications****3.1 Resource**

The key driver for the service continues to be ensuring sustainable services and streamlining future provision by sharing staff capacity and knowledge wherever possible. All posts in the team are joint posts across both council areas.

**3.2 Risk**

The Public Protection service contributes to addressing corporate risk that the councils and their partners would be unable to maintain or improve the quality and standard of public protection work due to increased complexities and depleting resources thus leaving service users in Midlothian at risk of harm

**3.3 Single Midlothian Plan and Business Transformation**

Themes addressed in this report:

- Community safety
- Adult health, care and housing
- Getting it right for every Midlothian child
- Improving opportunities in Midlothian
- Sustainable growth
- Business transformation and Best Value
- None of the above

### **3.4 Impact on Performance and Outcomes**

The EMPPC developed a Performance Framework which was implemented from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015, providing its reporting framework for self-evaluation, audit and scrutiny. This framework was reviewed in January 2017, and an amended version implemented for 2017/18. During this time, Lead Officers worked closely with operational teams to ensure the performance framework and improvement plans are embedded within practice

### **3.5 Adopting a Preventative Approach**

East Lothian and Midlothian Public Protection Committee take a preventative approach to the assessment and management of risk within care settings. Through attendance at multi – agency meetings, information is shared identifying early indicators of harm, enabling a proactive supportive approach in reducing any potential harm to vulnerable adults

### **3.6 Involving Communities and Other Stakeholders**

East and Midlothian Public Protection Committee remains committed to involving communities and other stakeholders wherever possible and is planning a public event to raise awareness of Financial Harm and wider issues of adult support and protection.

### **3.7 Ensuring Equalities**

An Equalities Impact Assessment is not currently required as no policy or people changes have been identified. This will be undertaken in line with streamlining operational practice

### **3.8 Supporting Sustainable Development**

Multi-agency staff are based in a co-located hub and opportunities are sought to streamline services with less meetings and consequently less travel between bases

### **3.9 IT Issues**

This report does not highlight any IT issues

## **4 Summary**

This is the second Biennial report of the East Lothian and Midlothian Public Protection Committee (EMPPC) and it provides an opportunity to reflect and take stock of our activities and our achievements within Adult Support and Protection Activity.

## **5 Recommendations**

Council is asked to:

Note the Biennial Report 2016-18 and the progress made by East Lothian and Midlothian Public Protection Committee 2016/18

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**Background Papers:**

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