

**MINUTES of MEETING of the MIDLOTHIAN COUNCIL PERFORMANCE REVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chambers, Midlothian House, Buccleuch Street, Dalkeith on Tuesday, 4 March 2014 at 11.00 am.

**Present:-** Councillors Milligan (Chair), Bennett, Imrie, Muirhead, Pottinger, Russell, de Vink and Wallace.

**Apologies for Absence:-** Councillors Baxter, Coventry and Montgomery.

**1. Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were intimated.

**2. Minutes**

The Minutes of Meeting of 21 January 2014 were submitted and approved as correct records.

**3 Inspection of St. Mary's Primary School Nursery Class**

With reference to paragraph 3 of the Minutes of the Cabinet of 25 February 2014, there was submitted report, dated 24 February 2014, by the Director, Resources, incorporating a report, dated 23 January 2014, by the Director, Education, Communities and Economy, outlining the outcome of an unannounced inspection carried out at St. Mary's Primary School Nursery by the Care Inspectorate in November 2013.

The evaluations were as follows:-

Quality of Care and Support -	Very Good (Grade 5)
Quality of Environment -	Good (Grade 4)
Quality of Staffing -	Very Good (Grade 5)
Quality of Management and Leadership -	Very Good (Grade 5)

The Care Inspectorate had concluded that the Nursery Teacher and staff provided very good quality care and support for the children and that staff valued the individual child and provided a warm and caring environment.

**Decision**

- (a) To note the content of the inspection report;
- (b) To congratulate the management and staff connected with St. Mary's Primary School Nursery on the very good work being carried out at the nursery; and
- (c) To note that, whilst acknowledging the very good work being carried out at the Nursery the Council would continue to challenge, support and monitor

the service in relation to achieving excellence through further improving performance.

(Action: Director, Education, Communities and Economy).

### **Sederunt**

Councillor de Vink joined the meeting during discussion of the foregoing item of business (11.03 am).

## **6 Inspection of Moorfoot Primary School Nursery Class**

With reference to paragraph 4 of the Minutes of the Cabinet of 25 February 2014, there was submitted report, dated 25 February 2014, by the Director, Resources, incorporating a report, dated 23 January 2014, by the Director, Education, Communities and Economy, outlining the outcome of an unannounced inspection carried out at Moorfoot Primary School Nursery Class by the Care Inspectorate in November 2013.

The Care Inspectorate had awarded the following grades, viz:-

Quality of care and support	Very good (Grade 5)
Quality of environment	Very good (Grade 5)
Quality of Staffing	Very good (Grade 5)
Quality of management and Leadership.	Very good (Grade 5)

The Care Inspectorate had concluded that the Nursery Teacher and staff provided very good quality care and support for the children and that staff valued the individual child and provided a warm and caring environment.

### **Decision**

- (a) To note the content of the inspection report;
- (b) To congratulate the pupils, parents and staff connected with Moorfoot Primary School Nursery Class on the key strengths highlighted in the report;
- (c) To note that, whilst acknowledging the progress reflected in these reports, the Council would continue to challenge, support and monitor the service in relation to achieving excellence through further improving performance; and
- (d) That future reports of this nature incorporate details of the numbers of children attending the Nursery and/ or School.

(Action: (d) Director, Education, Communities and Economy).

### **Sederunt/**

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Provost Wallace joined the meeting during discussion of the foregoing item of business (11.07 am).

The meeting terminated at 11.20 am.