

APPENDIX A – Report Implications

A.1 Key Priorities within the Single Midlothian Plan

Midlothian Council and its community planning partners have made a commitment to treat the following areas as key priorities under the Single Midlothian Plan:

- Reducing inequalities in the health of our population
- Reducing inequalities in the outcomes of learning in our population
- Reducing inequalities in the economic circumstances of our population

The themes addressed in this report impact on the delivery of the Single Midlothian Plan. Particularly in relation to the delivery of affordable housing, homelessness, health and social care, improved economic outcomes and creating sustainable communities.

A.2 Key Drivers for Change

Key drivers addressed in this report:

- ☒ Holistic Working
- ☐ Hub and Spoke
- ☒ Modern
- ☒ Sustainable
- ☒ Transformational
- ☒ Preventative
- ☐ Asset-based
- ☒ Continuous Improvement
- ☒ One size fits one
- ☐ None of the above

A.3 Key Delivery Streams

Key delivery streams addressed in this report:

- ☐ One Council Working with you, for you
- ☒ Preventative and Sustainable
- ☐ Efficient and Modern
- ☒ Innovative and Ambitious
- ☐ None of the above

A.4 Delivering Best Value

The service will be procured and Best Value will be adhered to during this process.

A.5 Involving Communities and Other Stakeholders

Stakeholders including Midlothian Tenants Panel, Midlothian Health and Social Care Partnership, and voluntary organisations have all previously expressed support for the aims of Midlothian Council's Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan, including the prevention of homelessness. The revised RRTP is also submitted for approval by elected members on an annual basis following submission to the Scottish Government.

Officers have also met with organisations with expertise in supporting young homeless people and East Housing Hub Partners who have or are developing similar services. Their feedback and learning has factored into the service being proposed for Midlothian.

Officers have consulted with young people currently in the homeless system in Midlothian. The responses to the recommendations of the Youth Homeless Prevention Pathway were overwhelmingly positive. Those young people who were not care leavers or have been on the fringes of care felt the types of assistance being discussed would be of great benefit as they do not receive the same support from social work as care leavers.

A.6 Impact on Performance and Outcomes

Providing a support service for young homeless people will have a positive impact across a range of areas including:

- Reducing the number of young people who become homeless
- Reducing the negative impact of homelessness on a person's wider social needs
- Reducing the number of young people who require emergency/temporary accommodation
- Reducing the overall number of people on the homeless list
- Improving the opportunity for households to access alternative housing options to homelessness
- Improving wider outcomes for young people in Midlothian such as health and economic outcomes
- Reducing inequalities experienced by young homeless people, including those related to health, education, and employment
- Improving tenancy sustainment, and reducing the number of people in rent arrears, ensuring the council provides best value to tenants.

A.7 Adopting a Preventative Approach

Addressing the needs of young homeless people at the earliest opportunity will assist in moving the balance of services and resources into preventing the need for longer term or future crisis support.

A.8 Supporting Sustainable Development

Providing preventative support to young homeless people will support the long term development of sustainable communities in Midlothian.

This is achieved by helping people remain in their current accommodation, reducing the need to move to emergency accommodation, and other moves resulting from homelessness.

This is further enhanced by assisting people to establish supportive relationships in the community, and improve education and employment outcomes.