

# Minute of Meeting

Performance Review and Scrutiny Committee  
Monday 12 December 2022  
Item No: 4.1



Midlothian

## Performance Review and Scrutiny

Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday 20 September 2022	11.00 am	Microsoft Teams

### Present:

Councillor Imrie (Chair)	Councillor Curran
Councillor Drummond	Councillor McCall
Councillor McManus	Councillor Pottinger
Councillor Russell	Councillor Virgo
Councillor Winchester	

### Also Present:

Councillor McKenzie	
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### In attendance:

Grace Vickers	Chief Executive
Kevin Anderson	Executive Director Place
Derek Oliver	Chief Officer Place
Nick Clater	Head of Adult and Social Care Services
Grace Cowan	Head of Primary Care and Older Peoples Services
Joan Tranent	Head of Children's Service
Michelle Strong	Education Chief Operating Officer
Marc Bedwell	Executive Business Manager
Saty Kaur,	Executive Business Manager
Sinead Urquhart	Executive Business Manager
Elaine Johnston	Policy and Scrutiny Officer
Marco Reece-Heal	Business Analyst
Andrew Henderson	Democratic Services Officer

## 1 Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

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On account of the absence of the nominated Chair, Councillor Pottinger, seconded by Councillor Virgo nominated Councillor Imrie to act as chair of this meeting of the Performance Review and Scrutiny committee.

Apologies for absence had been received on behalf of Councillor McEwan, Councillor Milligan, Councillor Smail and Fiona Robertson.

## 2 Order of Business

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The Order of Business was as detailed within the Agenda.

## 3 Declarations of interest

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No declarations of interest were received.

## 4 Minutes of Previous Meetings

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- 4.1 The Minute of the Meeting of the Performance Review and Scrutiny Committee held on the 21<sup>st</sup> June 2022 was submitted and approved as correct record.
- 4.2 The Action Log of the meeting of Performance Review and Scrutiny Committee held on the 21<sup>st</sup> June 2022 was submitted and noted.

## 5. Reports

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Agenda No.	Report Title	Presented by:
5.1	Adult Health and Social Care Performance Report Q1 2022/23	Head of Adult and Social Care Services
<b>Outline of report and summary of discussion</b>		
<p>The Adult Health and Social Care Performance Report Q1 2022/23 was submitted. The Head of Adult and Social Care Services highlighted the progress in the delivery of strategic outcomes and summary of the emerging challenges as detailed within and thereafter answered questions raised by Elected Members.</p> <p>In response to comments relating to the potential increase of Community Payback Orders within Midlothian and how they could best be utilised in Midlothian, Nick Clater agreed to factor this into the Q2 performance report.</p> <p>Reference was made to a presentation that had been given to the MIJB with regard to drug deaths, Nick Clater agreed to circulate the slides amongst members.</p>		
<b>Decision</b>		
a) Head of Adult Services to include further details in relation to the increase in Community Payback Orders and their best use in Midlothian within the Q2 performance report.		

- b) Head of Adult Services to circulate slides from MIJB presentation on drug deaths to members.
- c) To otherwise note the contents of the report.

Agenda No.	Report Title	Presented by:
5.2	Children Service's, Partnerships and Communities Performance Report Q1 2022/23	Head of Children's Service
<b>Outline of report and summary of discussion</b>		
<p>The Children Service's, Partnerships and Communities Performance Report Q1 2022/23 was submitted. The Head of Children's Service highlighted the progress in the delivery of strategic outcomes and provided a summary of the emerging challenges as detailed within the report</p> <p>A discussion ensued in relation to the National Care Service, Joan Tranent acknowledged the importance of having representatives from Midlothian present at talks and the consultation process. Members echoed these sentiments acknowledging the need for Midlothian to have a voice in the proceedings.</p>		
<b>Decision</b>		
To note the contents of the report.		

Agenda No.	Report Title	Presented by:
5.3	Corporate Solutions Performance Report Q1 22/23	Executive Director Place
<b>Outline of report and summary of discussion</b>		
<p>The Corporate Solutions Performance Report Q1 22/23 was submitted. With reference to the slide deck, the Executive Director Place highlighted the progress in the delivery of strategic outcomes and summary of the emerging challenges as detailed within the report and thereafter answered questions raised by Elected Members.</p> <p>In response to comments regarding Cost of Living crisis grant cheques that had not been cashed and measures that could be taken to identify recipients, Kevin Anderson agreed to follow this up.</p>		
<b>Decision</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Executive Director Place to follow up on Cost of Living crisis grant cheques to ascertain what measures are being taken to identify recipients.</li> <li>b) To otherwise note the contents of the report.</li> </ul>		

Agenda No.	Report Title	Presented by:
5.4	Education Quarter One Performance Report 2022-23	Education Chief Operating Officer
<b>Outline of report and summary of discussion</b>		
<p>The Education Quarter One Performance Report 2022/23 was submitted. Education Chief Operating Officer highlighted the progress in the delivery of strategic outcomes and summary of the emerging challenges as detailed within the report and thereafter answered questions raised by Elected Members.</p> <p>There was a brief discussion in relation to the metrics used to identify the poverty attainment gap and the equip for learning program, comments were also made in relation to the technical support being given to ensure that devices could be used appropriately.</p>		
<b>Decision</b>		
To note the contents of the report.		

Agenda No.	Report Title	Presented by:
5.5	Place Performance Report Q1 22-23	Chief Officer Place
<b>Outline of report and summary of discussion</b>		
<p>The Place Performance Report Q1 22-23 was submitted. With reference to the slide deck included as an appendix to the report, the Chief Officer Place highlighted the progress in the delivery of strategic outcomes and summary of the emerging challenges as detailed within the report.</p> <p>There was a brief discussion in relation to the rent freeze announcement and the impact that this would have on housebuilding, Kevin Anderson confirmed that a report regarding the annual rent strategy was being brought to Council on the 4<sup>th</sup> of October 2022 and that the current rent freeze would expire on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.</p>		
<b>Decision</b>		
To note the contents of the report.		

Agenda No.	Report Title	Presented by:
5.6	Midlothian Council Report Report Q1 22-23	Chief Executive
<b>Outline of report and summary of discussion</b>		
<p>The Chief Executive was heard in amplification of the Midlothian Council Report Report Q1 22-23. Making reference to the strategic outcomes and summary of the emerging challenges as detailed within the report and thereafter opened to members questions.</p>		
<b>Decision</b>		
To note the contents of the report.		

## **6 Private Reports**

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No items for discussion

## **7 Date of the Next**

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Tuesday 01 November 2022 at 11.00 am  
The meeting terminated at 12.28 pm