

MINUTES of MEETING of the MIDLOTHIAN COUNCIL CABINET held in the Council Chambers, Midlothian House, Buccleuch Street, Dalkeith on Tuesday 2 October 2012 at 11.00am.

Present:- Councillors Constable (Convener), Beattie, Johnstone and Thompson.

Religious Representatives Present:- Mr V Bourne, Mr P Hayes and Mrs M Harkness

Apology:- Councillor Bryant.

1 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Thompson declared an interest in agenda item no 11 (Minutes of Midlothian Negotiating Committee for Teachers) and accordingly advised that he would not participate in the debate on this matter.

2 Minutes

The Minutes of Meetings of 21 and 28 August 2012 were submitted and approved as correct records.

Arising from paragraph 3 of the Minute of Meeting of 21 August 2012 and paragraph 8 of the Minutes of the Council of 25 September 2012, the Cabinet agreed that the portfolio previously held by Councillor de Vink be incorporated into the portfolio held by Councillor Bryant.

(Action: All to note).

3 Proposal to Review the Denominational Primary School Estate

There was submitted report dated 7 September 2012 by the Director, Education & Children's Services advising the Cabinet of the need to review the denominational primary school estate in Midlothian and seeking approval to proceed with such a review.

Decision

To continue consideration of the report to the next meeting on 13 November 2012.

(Action: Legal and Secretariat Manager).

4 Lothian Independent Advocacy Plan 2012 – 2016

There was submitted report dated 15 August 2012 by the Acting Director, Communities and Wellbeing, seeking approval of the Lothian Independent Advocacy Plan 2012 – 2016 as one of the partner agencies responsible for its delivery along with NHS Lothian; City of Edinburgh Council; West Lothian

Council; and East Lothian Council. The report incorporated a copy of the proposed plan.

Decision

To approve the Lothian Independent Advocacy Plan 2012 – 2016.

(Action: Acting Director, Communities and Wellbeing).

5 Midlothian and East Lothian Drugs and Alcohol Partnership (MELDAP) Delivery Plan 2012-15

There was submitted report, dated 11 September 2012, by the Acting Director, Communities and Wellbeing, informing the Cabinet of the main MELDAP priorities for the next three years in relation to a range of substance misuse issues that impact on the lives and well-being children, young people, adults and communities.

Decision

To note the report.

6 Road Accident Statistics for Midlothian 2011

There was submitted report, dated 19 September 2012, by the Director, Corporate Resources, advising on reported road accident statistics for Midlothian during 2011 as required by the 1988 Road Traffic Act. The report also advised that Midlothian's figures were contributing to the Government's 2015-2020 target. The report highlighted that during 2011 three people had been killed, 26 seriously injured, and 195 slightly injured on Midlothian Roads (Including Trunk Roads).

Decision

To note the report.

7 Note of Seminar of the Cabinet of 21 August 2012

The note of the Cabinet Seminar of 21 August 2012 was noted and approved as shown in **Appendix I** hereto.

8 Exclusion of Members of the Public

In view of the nature of the business to be transacted, the Cabinet agreed that the public be excluded from the meeting during discussion of the undernoted item, as contained in the Addendum hereto, as there might be disclosed exempt information as defined in paragraphs 4 and 6 of Part I of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973:-

East of Scotland Investment Fund: Progress Report – Noted and recommendations approved; and

Midlothian Negotiating Committee for Teachers – Minutes of Meeting of 13 June 2012 - Noted.

The meeting terminated at 11.20 am.

APPENDIX I
(relative to paragraph 7)

Note of Seminar of the Cabinet held in the Council Chambers, Midlothian House, Buccleuch Street, Dalkeith on Tuesday 21 August 2012 at 11.00am.

Present:- Councillors Constable (Convener) ,Baxter, Beattie, Bryant, Imrie, Johnstone, Milligan, Montgomery, Muirhead, Pottinger, Rosie, Thompson and Wallace.

Apologies for Absence:- Councillors Bennett, Boyes, Coventry, de Vink, and Russell.

1 Waste Management

Mr Blair, Director, Corporate Resources provided the background to the purpose of this Seminar and then requested Mr Moffat, Head of Commercial Operations to deliver his presentation.

Mr Moffat provided a detailed presentation on the Service Review of Waste Management including:-

- Background
- Community Consultation
- Waste Collections
- Other Service Enhancements and Reviews
- Penicuik Household Community Recycling Centre

There followed a question and answer session during which the following points were noted:-

- Several Members expressed the view that Food Waste Collection should be introduced at the same time as the revised Waste Collection service
- It was imperative that clear guidance was provided on what waste could be placed in the new Blue Bins
- That careful consideration be given to the most appropriate site within Penicuik for a recycling centre although Eastfield was the preferred location
- That literature issued to households on the new arrangements be provided in plain English
- That a more detailed report on this matter would be submitted to the September Council meeting.

The Convener thanked everyone for their participation and reiterated that a more detailed report would be submitted to the Council meeting on 25 September 2012.

The meeting terminated at 12.35 pm.

