

MINUTES of SPECIAL MEETING of the MIDLOTHIAN COUNCIL CABINET held in the Council Chambers, Midlothian House, Buccleuch Street, Dalkeith on Tuesday, 17 November 2015 at 9.00 am.

Present:- Councillors Johnstone(Convener), Bryant, Constable, Parry and Rosie.

Apology:- Mr. V Bourne (Religious Representative).

1 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were intimated.

2 2014/2015 Performance Reports – Quarter 2

There were submitted Performance Reports for 2014/15 in respect of Midlothian Council and the Plans for Customer and Housing Services; Adult Social Care; Children's Services; Communities and Economy; Education; Commercial Operations; Finance and Integrated Service Support; and Property and Facilities Management. Each report contained a summary of the progress in delivering Strategic Outcomes and a summary of emerging challenges and risks. Thereafter, the Cabinet received verbal updates in respect of each of the reports.

Decision

- (a) To note the higher than anticipated number of passengers utilising the recently opened Borders Railway;
- (b) To note the imminent commencement of the Food Waste collection service;
- (c) To note the positive work undertaken in respect of Anti Social Behaviour
- (d) To note that all tenants at Newbyres, Gorebridge had now been rehoused;
- (e) To note the positive effect of the Prison Project in reducing homelessness among released prisoners;
- (f) To note the gradual increase in the usage of the Community Hub, based at Mayfield library;
- (g) To note that the increase in the periods vacant houses remained void, was partly attributable to additional works undertaken to accommodate tenants relocated from Newbyres, Gorebridge;
- (h) To note the positive results in reducing re-offending;

- (i) To note that, in order to minimise the number of cases of delayed discharges from hospitals, short term measures using care Homes and the Community Hospital had been implemented;
- (j) To note the reduction in the number of children on the Child Protection Register;
- (k) To note the success of the Family resilience Project;
- (l) To note that two children were in secure accommodation;
- (m) To note that the existing informal arrangement with East Lothian Council in respect of Trading Standards Services would be formalised in early course;
- (n) To note that a response was anticipated from Network Rail in respect of the costs to reinstate damaged roads at Tynehead; and
- (o) To otherwise note the reports.

The meeting terminated at 09.50 am.