

NOTICE OF MEETING

CABINET

Venue: Council Chambers
Midlothian House
Buccleuch Street
Dalkeith

Date: Tuesday 26 August 2014

Time: 11.00 am

JOHN BLAIR
Director, Resources

Audio Recording Notice: Please note that this meeting will be recorded. The recording will be publicly available following the meeting, including publication via the internet. The Council will also comply with its statutory obligations under the Data Protection Act 1998 and the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

AGENDA

- 1 Apologies.
- 2 Order of Business – including notice of new business submitted as urgent for consideration at the end of the meeting.
- 3 Declarations of Interest.

PUBLIC ITEMS (EDUCATION INTEREST)

- 4 Minutes of:-
 - (a) Special Meeting of 27 May 2014 (**Circulated: Pages 3 - 6**); and
 - (b) Meeting of 27 May 2014 (**Circulated: Pages 7 - 15**).
- 5 Inspection of Midlothian Council Adoption Service - Report by Head of Children's Services (**Circulated: Pages 17 - 20**).
- 6 Inspection of Midlothian Council Fostering Service - Report by Head of Children's Services (**Circulated: Pages 21 - 24**).
- 7 Outcome of Scottish Government Regeneration Capital Grant Fund Bid for Phase 2 of Dalkeith High Street Improvements - Report by Head of Communities and Economy (**Circulated: Pages 25 - 27**).
- 8 The Easter Bush Development Board - Report by Head of Communities and Economy (**Circulated: Pages 29 - 37**).

- 9 National Planning Framework 3 and Scottish Planning Policy - Report by Head of Communities and Economy **(Circulated: Pages 39 - 51).**
- 10 European Commission: Call for Proposals for Social Policy Innovations Supporting Reforms in Social Services – Report by Director, Education, Communities and Economy **(To Follow).**

PUBLIC ITEMS (NO EDUCATION INTEREST)

- 11 Purchasing New Properties in Midlothian for use as Council Housing - Report by Joint Director, Health and Social Care **(Circulated: Pages 53 - 55).**
- 12 Annual Gas Safety Checks: Reducing the Number of Tenancies at Forced Entry Stage - Report by Joint Director, Health and Social Care **(Circulated: Pages 57 - 66).**

THE CABINET IS INVITED (A) TO CONSIDER RESOLVING TO DEAL WITH THE UNDERNOTED BUSINESS IN PRIVATE IN TERMS OF PARAGRAPHS 4 AND 6 OF PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 7A TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1973 - THE RELEVANT REPORT IS THEREFORE NOT FOR PUBLICATION; AND (B) TO NOTE THAT NOTWITHSTANDING ANY SUCH RESOLUTION, INFORMATION MAY STILL REQUIRE TO BE RELEASED UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002 OR THE ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION REGULATIONS 2004

PRIVATE ITEMS (NO EDUCATION INTEREST)

- 13 Application for Loan Assistance from the East of Scotland Investment Fund- Report by Head of Communities and Economy **(Circulated: Pages 67 - 70).**
- 14 Irrecoverable Debt Write-Off - Report by Head of Customer and Housing Services **(Circulated: Pages 71 - 73).**

NOTE: The Religious Representatives are called for their interest in Agenda Items 4 to 10.

14 August 2014