

**Standing Order 19.2 Decision**

**Report by Chief Executive**

**Report for Noting**

**1 Recommendations**

Council is invited to note the terms of this report.

**2 Purpose of Report/Executive Summary**

The purpose of this report is to advise the Council of the decision taken by the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council in terms of Standing Order 19.2.

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### **3 Background**

#### **3.1 Standing Order 19.2 states that:**

“The Chief Executive, after discussion with the Leader of the Council, whom failing the Depute Leader of the Council, will have authority to take decisions where urgent or immediate action is required. Where such decision(s) is required, the Chief Executive will provide a report to the next available full Council meeting to inform the Council of such decision(s).”

- 3.2** In line with Scottish Government guidance, Monday 19 September was declared a public holiday for the Queen’s state funeral. There not being a scheduled meeting to consider the Council’s response, the Chief Executive, following consultation with the Leader of the Council, used Standing Order 19.2 powers to ensure that the Council observed the public holiday and operated emergency only services on that day. In addition, all council public buildings were closed, including schools, early learning centres, libraries, leisure centres and Midlothian Snowsports Centre. However, previously arranged burials went ahead on the day and cemeteries were open as normal. Alternative arrangements were also made to replace the Monday waste collection service.

### **4 Report Implications (Resource, Digital and Risk)**

#### **4.1 Resource**

The additional cost of providing emergency service provision and re-scheduling the Monday waste collection is estimated at circa £30,000 which will fall to be met by a supplementary estimate from reserves.

There will be additional costs delivery of 24/7 services associated with services delegated to the Midlothian IJB. Any additional costs arising in respect of such delegated services would fall on the IJB to fund.

#### **4.2 Digital**

None

#### **4.3 Risk**

Failure to report the decision would lead to a lack of governance.

#### **4.4 Ensuring Equalities (if required a separate IIA must be completed)**

This report does not recommend any change to policy or practice and therefore does not require an Equalities Impact Assessment.

#### **4.4 Additional Report Implications**

See Appendix A

## Appendix A – Additional Report Implications

### A.1 Key Priorities within the Single Midlothian Plan

Not applicable

### 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 report does not directly impact on Delivering Best Value

### A.5 Involving Communities and Other Stakeholders

The report does not directly relate to involving communities

### A.6 Impact on Performance and Outcomes

The report does not directly impact on Midlothian Council's performance and outcomes

### A.7 Adopting a Preventative Approach

Not applicable

### A.8 Supporting Sustainable Development

Not applicable