

Minute of Meeting



Special Performance, Review and Scrutiny Committee

Date	Time	Venue
9 March 2016	11am	Council Chambers, Midlothian House, Buccleuch Street, Dalkeith

Present:

Councillor Milligan (Chair)	Councillor Baxter
Councillor Beattie	Councillor Bennett
Councillor Imrie	Councillor Muirhead
Councillor Pottinger	Councillor Russell
Councillor Wallace	

1 Apologies

- 1.1 It was noted that apologies had been received from Councillors Coventry, de Vink, Montgomery and Young.

2 Order of Business

- 2.1 The order of business was confirmed as outlined in the agenda that had been circulated.

3 Declarations of interest

No declarations of interest were intimated.

4 Public Reports

Report No.	Report Title	Presented by:
4.1	Adult Social Care Performance Report Quarter 3 2015/16	Head of Adult and Social Care

Outline of report and summary of discussion

The Quarter 3 2015/16 Performance Report for Adult and Social Care was submitted. The Head of Adult and Social Care highlighted to the Performance Review and Scrutiny Committee the progress in the delivery of strategic outcomes and summary of the emerging challenges as detailed in the Report. Thereafter the Head of Adult and Social Care provided detailed responses to the Elected Member's questions which included the following points:

- Clarity on timescales on delayed discharges from Hospital and the reasons for these delays.
- The impact on MELDAP with the 20% reduction in drugs and alcohol funding through the Scottish Government for 2016-17
- The pilot scheme on the number of sheltered housing places reallocated as extra care.
- The future use of the Midlothian Community Hospital and the services already provided at the Community Hospital.

Decision

- To circulate to members the existing services available at Midlothian Community Hospital and to provide feedback from the 'Hot Topics Group'.
- To otherwise note the Report.

Action

Head of Adult and Social Care

Report No.	Report Title	Presented by:
4.2	Customer and Housing Services Performance Report Quarter 3 2015/16	Head of Customer and Housing Services

Outline of report and summary of discussion

The Quarter 3 2015/16 Performance Report for Customer and Housing Services was submitted. The Head of Customer and Housing Services highlighted to the Performance Review and Scrutiny Committee the progress in the delivery of strategic outcomes and summary of the emerging challenges as detailed in the Report. Thereafter the Head of Customer and Housing Services provided detailed responses to the Elected Member's questions which included the following points:

- The Scottish Social Housing Charter and the satisfactory submission by Midlothian Council.
- The Education Programme regarding 'homelessness' and the ongoing work with High Schools.
- The support provided by Midlothian Council with regards to Refugees.
- The Traveller's site and the number of recent incidents and how this is managed.

Decision

- To note the Report

Report No.	Report Title	Presented by:
5.4	Children's Services Performance Report Quarter 3 2015/16	Head of Children's Services

Outline of report and summary of discussion

The Quarter 3 2015/16 Performance Report for Children's Services was submitted. The Head of Children's Services highlighted to the Performance Review and Scrutiny Committee the progress in the delivery of strategic outcomes and summary of the emerging challenges as detailed in the Report. Thereafter the Head of Children's Services provided detailed responses to the Elected Member's questions which included the following points:

- The impact on the budget regarding young people in secure accommodation.
- The demands of new legislation in particular regarding the age support and guidance is provided to young people and the role of the named person.
- Payments to Kinship Carers and Foster Carers and the interim funding received from Scottish Government.

Decision

- To note the three positive Care Inspectorate Reports for Fostering, Adoption and Residential Services
- To otherwise note the Report.

Report No.	Report Title	Presented by:
5.5	Communities and Economy Performance Report Quarter 3 2015/16	Head of Communities and Economy

Outline of report and summary of discussion

The Quarter 3 2015/16 Performance Report for Communities and Economy was submitted. The Head of Communities and Economy highlighted to the Performance Review and Scrutiny Committee the progress in the delivery of strategic outcomes and summary of the emerging challenges as detailed in the Report. Thereafter the Head of Communities and Economy provided detailed responses to the Elected Member's questions which included the following points:

- The Hop on hop off bus and the consideration for this to cover Vogrie.
- Cold calling and the designated zones and any future work with regards to this.
- Borders Railway and the links the Council have with rail operators for improving this service.
- Domestic noise complaints and the procedure for attendance on site and any impact the budgetary decision will have on this service.

Decision

- To congratulate Building Standards and the quality service they provide.
- To note the appointment of the Section 75 Officer.
- To note Trading Standards work with the Police with regards to new psychoactive substances (NSP).
- To otherwise note the Report.

Report No.	Report Title	Presented by:
5.6	Education Performance Report Quarter 3 2015/16	Head of Education

Outline of report and summary of discussion

The Quarter 3 2015/16 Performance Report for Education was submitted. The Head of Education highlighted to the Performance Review and Scrutiny Committee the progress in the delivery of strategic outcomes and summary of the emerging challenges as detailed in the Report. Thereafter the Head of Education provided detailed responses to the Elected Member's questions which included the following points:

- High School attendance and bullying in Schools and how this addressed.
- School clothing grant and statutory guidance on this for all local authorities.
- Clarification on the school exclusion figures.
- The number of eligible 2 year olds in Educational provision.

Decision

- To congratulate on the work with regards to positive destinations for young people.
- To otherwise note the Report.

5 Private Reports

No private business submitted to this meeting.

The meeting terminated at 12:54 pm