

# Minute of Meeting



## Midlothian Council

Date	Time	Venue
9 February 2016	2pm	Council Chambers, Midlothian House, Buccleuch Street, Dalkeith

### Present:

Provost Wallace	Depute Provost Coventry
Councillor Johnstone – Leader of the Council	Councillor Constable – Depute Leader of the Council
Councillor Baxter	Councillor Beattie
Councillor Bennett	Councillor Bryant
Councillor de Vink	Councillor Imrie
Councillor Milligan	Councillor Montgomery
Councillor Muirhead	Councillor Parry
Councillor Pottinger	Councillor Rosie
Councillor Russell	Councillor Young

### Religious Representatives (Non-voting observers for Education Business):

Mrs M. Harkness	Mr V. Bourne
Rev. R Halley	

### In attendance:


## 1. Apologies

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- 1.1 It was noted that no apologies had been received from Elected Members, however the Director, Education, Communities and Economy was unable to attend this meeting that the relevant Heads of Service would speak to the reports.

## 2. Order of Business

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

## 3. Declarations of interest

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- 3.1 The Provost requested that any Elected Member who had to declare an interest in a particular item to do so as the item arose.

## 4. Minutes of Previous Meetings

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- 4.1 The minutes of the meeting of Midlothian Council on 15 December 2015 were submitted and approved as a correct record.
- 4.2 The following minutes were presented to the Council for noting and consideration of any recommendations therein:

Meeting	Date of Meeting	Response from the Council
Special Cabinet	17 November 2015	Noted
Cabinet	17 November 2015	Noted – as per the note below.
Planning Committee	17 November 2015	Noted
General Purposes Committee	10 November 2015	Noted
Local Review Body	24 November 2015	Noted

In relation to the Cabinet meeting of 17 November, Councillor Milligan raised concerns that the recommendations of the Performance, Review and Scrutiny Committee had not been ratified by the Cabinet with regards to the Housing Allocation Policy Review and requested further clarification from the Cabinet Portfolio holder.

Councillor Parry confirmed there was no action on the recommendations as the current policy already met the recommendations of the Performance, Review and Scrutiny Committee. The Head of Customer and Housing Services provided further clarification in relation to the Allocation Policy including confirmation of a seminar for Elected Members on the Allocation Policy to be held to discuss this further in light of the public consultation.

Councillor Muirhead stated his view that he felt there had been a misunderstanding in relation to the recommendations from the Performance, Review and Scrutiny Committee – specifically in light of greater points for people living in Midlothian.

The Head of Customer and Housing Services provided further clarification in relation to the Allocation Policy which he suggested could be debated further at the seminar for Elected Members.

## 5. Questions to the Leader of the Council

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5.1 It was noted that no questions to the Leader of the Council had been received.

## 6. Notices of Motions

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6.1 It was noted that no notices of motion has been received.

## 7. Reports

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Agenda No.	Report Title	Presented by:
<b>7</b>	<b>Pre-Election Publicity Guidance</b>	<b>Chief Executive</b>

### Outline of report and summary of discussion

The report dated 21 January 2016 was presented by the Chief Executive invited the Council to approve the guidance on publicity in the approach to both the Scottish Parliamentary Election on 5 May 2016 and the forthcoming European Union Referendum.

Councillor Johnstone proposed that the Council accepted the recommendations.

### Decision

The Council agreed to:-

- a) Approve the Pre-Election Guidance shown in appendix 1 of the report and that such guidance will take effect from 14 March 2016 for the Scottish Parliamentary Election; and
- b) The Pre-Election Guidance shown in appendix 1 of the report will take effect from the date of notice of the European Union Referendum i.e. 10 weeks prior to the Referendum date.

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Report No.	Report Title	Presented by:
<b>8</b>	<b>Trade Union Bill</b>	<b>Director, Resources</b>

### Outline of report and summary of discussion

The Council heard from the Director, Resources in relation to a response from the UK Government Minister, dated 7 December 2015 following a letter submitted to the UK Government as a result of a Council Motion on 22 September 2015 in

relation to the Trade Union Bill.

Councillor Johnstone was heard expressing her disappointment at the response, recognising the fact that employment matters are reserved powers which the Council has little influence over.

Councillor Russell asked the Leader, that following the motion on 22 September whilst there had been a response from the UK Government, had the Council received a response from the First Minister.

Councillor Johnstone confirmed that a letter had been written to the First Minister on 16 October 2015 and an acknowledgement received on 23 October 2015, but no further response had been received.

Councillor Russell then moved that this matter was followed up with the First Minister.

Councillor Pottinger supported Councillor Russell's recommendation and further suggested that the Scottish Parliament could learn from the Welsh Assembly in the use of devolved powers.

Councillor Coventry was then heard articulating his views in relation to the issues with the proposals contained with the Trade Union Bill and the impact these might have to employment matters.

Councillor Pottinger re-iterated his point in relation to the Welsh Assembly and further Councillor Parry was heard highlighting that work was already in progress in relation to these employment matters within the Scottish Parliament.

#### Decision

The Council agreed to:-

- a) Note the response from the UK Government; and
- b) To request the Council Leader follow up a response from the Scottish Government.

#### Action

Council Leader

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Report No.	Report Title	Presented by:
<b>9</b>	<b>Financial Strategy 2016/17 to 2020/21</b>	<b>Head of Finance and Integrated Service Support</b>

#### Outline of report and summary of discussion

The Council heard from the Head of Finance and Integrated Service Support who provided the Council with a further update on the Financial Strategy 2016/17 to 2020/21, specifically the 2016/17 budget position.

The Head of Finance and Integrated Service Support was heard highlighted the

confirmed settlement for Local Government that was published by the Scottish Government on 16 December 2016 and following further amendments to the settlement now represents a year on year reduction of 3.31%

In relation to Midlothian's position the proposed settlement is £3.408 million less than previously incorporated in the budget projections within the Financial Strategy.

There followed a debate by Elected Members in relation to the challenges faced by Local Government and the impact to services provided by the Council and subsequently to the communities of Midlothian.

Councillor Milligan moved that the recommendation (c) in the report – that the Council note the operational savings summarised in appendix 3 of the report - be continued to the Special Council meeting on 8 March 2016. Further Councillor Milligan moved that subject to recommendation (c) being continued, recommendation (d) – to note that, subject to recommendations b) and c), the remaining budget gap for 2016/17 is £3.873 million as summarised in section 6.6 of the report – be amended.

Councillor Parry added to the discussion in relation to the impact on Local Government workers by highlighted the non-compulsory redundancy policy within Midlothian Council. Further Councillor Parry moved that the report recommendations were accepted.

Councillor Pottinger requested further information in relation to the savings prior to the Council making a decision on the recommendations and specifically clarification in relation to the funding for the Midlothian Integration Joint Board which the Head of Finance and Integrated Service Support provided.

Councillor Baxter requested further clarification in relation to the Council's commitment if they were to note recommendation (c). The Head of Finance and Integrated Service Support confirmed that these savings were outside of policy or service delivery and therefore officers could make decisions in relation to these as per their delegated powers.

Councillor Johnstone was then heard supporting Councillor Parry's move to accept the report recommendations.

Councillor Muirhead was then heard in support of Councillor Milligan's movement.

### Decision

The Council then took a vote in relation to the motions.

9 Councillors voted in favour of Councillor Milligan's motion and 9 Councillors voted against. The Provost took the casting vote and voted against Councillor Milligan's motion and therefore the Council agreed to:

- a) Note the update in respect of the Scottish Government Grant Settlement as set out in section 3;
- b) In view of the conditions attached to the Grant Settlement set a Band D Council Tax of £1,210 as set out in appendix 2;

- c) Note the operational savings summarised in appendix 3:
- d) Note that, subject to recommendations b) and c) the remaining budget gap for 2016/17 is £3.873 million as summarised in section 6.6;
- e) Note that a further Financial Strategy update for 2016/17 will be reported to the Special Council meeting on 8 March 2016 and that a further update, setting out revised projections for 2017/18 to 2020/21 will be presented to Council in the spring.

<b>Action</b>
Head of Finance and Integrated Service Support

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Report No.	Report Title	Presented by:
<b>10</b>	<b>Financial Monitoring 2015/16 General Fund Revenue</b>	<b>Head of Finance and Integrated Service Support</b>

<b>Outline of report and summary of discussion</b>
<p>The Council heard from the Head of Finance and Integrated Service Support who provided the Council with information on the financial performance against the revenue budget for 2015/16 and details of the material variances.</p> <p>Councillor Parry requested further information in relation to Housing Benefit overpayments and whether there had been any consequences as a result of Universal Credit. The Head of Customer and Housing Services provided clarification in relation to the claimant numbers for the Council Tax Reduction Scheme in Midlothian and the potential rationale for these numbers. Councillor Parry further requested that a report be brought to Council at an appropriate time to update in relation to this.</p> <p>Councillor Pottinger suggested that this topic could be referred to the Welfare Reform Committee. Further Councillor Pottinger requested further information in relation to the reported overspend at Newbyres Care Home.</p> <p>The Joint Director, Health and Social Care confirmed that the occupancy at Newbyres Care Home is lower than capacity pending the further Care Inspectorate report. Further the Director confirmed that the budget figures related to both Newbyres and Highbank Care Homes.</p> <p>Councillor Parry moved that the recommendations within the report were agreed.</p> <p>Councillor Muirhead requested that the Council Leader and portfolio holder for Health and Social Care confirmed what challenges had been made to Council Officers in relation to the overspend at Newbyres.</p> <p>Councillor Johnstone confirmed that she was working with the Directorate in relation to the issues at Newbyres Care Home including scrutinising officers in relation to the performance at the Care Home.</p>

**Decision**

The Council agreed to:

- a) Note the contents of the report

**Action**

Head of Customer and Housing Services

Head of Finance and Integrated Service Support

Report No.	Report Title	Presented by:
<b>11</b>	<b>General Services Capital Plan Quarter 3 Monitoring 2015/16</b>	<b>Head of Finance and Integrated Service Support</b>

**Outline of report and summary of discussion**

The Head of Finance and Integrated Service Support presented the report to the Council which provided the Elected Members with information on the projected performance of the General Services Capital Plan against budget for 2015/16.

Councillor Parry was heard in support of the report, particularly the projects throughout Midlothian and highlighted the building of new primary schools.

**Decision**

The Council agreed to:

- a) Note the General Services Capital Plan Quarter 3 monitoring position for 2015/16;
- b) Approve the projects as outlined in Table 1 in Section 2.2 to be added to the General Services Capital Plan.

**Action**

Head of Finance and Integrated Service Support

Report No.	Report Title	Presented by:
<b>12</b>	<b>Housing Revenue Account – Revenue Budget and Capital Plan 2015/16</b>	<b>Head of Finance and Integrated Service Support</b>

**Outline of report and summary of discussion**

The Council heard from the Head of Finance and Integrated Service Support who provided the Elected Members with a summary of expenditure and income to 18 December 2015 for the Capital Plan and a projected outturn for both the Housing Revenue Account and Capital Plan for 2015/16

Councillor Parry was heard in support of the recommendations.

Councillor Milligan requested further information in relation to a proposed £2million investment in upgrading pavements within Council Housing estates within Midlothian. The Head of Finance and Integrated Service Support confirmed that this had been reported to Council on 15 December 2015 and further confirmed that this had noted there was insufficient headroom in the Housing Revenue Account to facilitate this proposal.

#### Decision

The Council agreed to:

- a) Note the contents of the report

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Report No.	Report Title	Presented by:
<b>13</b>	<b>Lasswade Village 20 mph Trial</b>	<b>Head of Commercial Operations</b>

#### Outline of report and summary of discussion

The Head of Commercial Operations presented the report dated 20 January 2016 providing the Council with an update of the 20mph speed limit trial through Lasswade Village and requested the Council consider whether to make this order permanent and further extend this speed restriction other areas of Midlothian.

Councillor Rosie was heard in support of the recommendations within the report.

Councillor Baxter was heard in amplification of the recommendation to make the pilot a permanent feature and raised concerns about specifically stating there would be no further action at this time and rather the Council should perhaps take a more phased approach.

Councillor Constable noted that Midlothian should learn from the experience in Edinburgh and further there was a particular pressure in Lasswade.

Councillor Imrie moved an amendment that recommendation (b) was deleted to ensure that the safety of the communities in Midlothian and to give comfort to communities that there would be a rolling programme to control the speed of traffic.

Councillor Young seconded Councillor Imrie's motion and further Councillor Baxter was heard in support Councillor Imrie and asked for clarification in relation to the Council's commitment with the removal of recommendation (b) notwithstanding the importance of a rolling programme of speed reduction.

Councillor Constable highlighted that there was already a programme of introducing 20mph speed limits around nurseries in Midlothian and further Councillor Bennett highlighted there had been 20mph speed limits in Woodburn which had proved to be extremely successful and further supported Councillor Imrie's motion.

Councillor Rosie confirmed that following the debate, he would be happy for



recommendation (b) to be removed.

#### Decision

The Council agreed to :

- a) The 20 mph Speed Limit pilot at Lasswade being made permanent.

#### Action

Head of Commercial Operations

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Report No.	Report Title	Presented by:
<b>14</b>	<b>Commercial Waste Collection: Trade Waste Charges for 2016/17</b>	<b>Head of Commercial Operations</b>

#### Outline of report and summary of discussion

The Council heard from the Head of Commercial Operations who presented the report in relation to the Council's Trade Waste Charges for 2016/17 recommending an increase of 10%.

Councillor Rosie was heard in support of the recommendations.

Councillor Muirhead queried whether there had been any market analysis in relation to competitors to which the Head of Commercial Operations confirmed that private sector operators would not release their charging rates, however the Council had conducted a comparison to the charges in other Local Authorities.

Councillor Muirhead then asked if there had been any drop off in the level of business as a result of the previous increase in charges. The Head of Commercial Operations confirmed that since the last increase there had been a change of approach in customers of the Council by using alternative recycling methods.

#### Decision

The Council agreed to:

- a) Approve a 10% increase in charges and the addition of £53,000 to the 2016/17 budget
- b) Authorise the Director, Resources to advise all customers of the changes; and
- c) Introduce the revised arrangements with effect from 1 April 2016.

#### Action

Director, Resources

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Report No.	Report Title	Presented by:
15	Partnership Working Update	Chief Executive

#### Outline of report and summary of discussion

The Council heard from the Chief Executive who provided an update in relation to the following areas of partnership working across Midlothian and East Lothian Councils – Trading Standards and Contingency Planning.

Councillor Johnstone was heard in support of the report specifically citing the opportunity of shared services and delivering best value to the citizens of Midlothian.

Councillor Milligan requested further information as to why this recommendation would result in additional cost and further in the light of the financial pressures in Local Authorities requested an update as to where discussions were with shared services with other Local Authorities. The Chief Executive confirmed that contingency planning was an area that there was a strong case for sharing of services over at least two Local Authorities and to facilitate the analysis of this opportunity and determine a long term position, the Management Team felt it was a worthwhile investment. In regard to the wider picture, there is an expectation from the Scottish Government in relation to partnership working and at this stage discussions are ongoing with East Lothian Council although not to the same scale as previously discussed. The Chief Executive further cited the opportunity that City Deal might bring in relation to the sharing of services and reducing costs in the future.

Councillor Baxter raised his concerns in relation to shared services where there are policy implications e.g. Education. However, where the shared services relate to purely operational matters these should be welcomed.

#### Decision

The Council agreed to:

- a) Note and approve the proposal for a single co-located Trading Standards Service for East Lothian and Midlothian Councils;
- b) Note and approve the initial sharing proposals in relation to Contingency Planning and note that an update report will be presented to the Joint Liaison Group after 6 months; and
- c) Approve the additional budget requirements for the costs associated with the 33% apportionment of the joint Risk and Emergency Planning Manager to be included in the 2016/17 budget.

#### Action

Chief Executive

Report No.	Report Title	Presented by:
16	<b>Consultation on the Catchment Areas of Schools on A701 Corridor</b>	<b>Head of Education</b>

#### Outline of report and summary of discussion

The Head of Education presented a report seeking to gain the Council's approval to implement the proposed establishment of a new primary school at Bilston Public Park, Bilston and creation of its catchment area, changes to the catchment areas of Roslin, Loanhead and Paradykes Primary School and the relocation of Paradykes Primary School to the replacement school site at George Avenue, Loanhead.

Councillor Constable welcomed the report in particular the benefits to the communities as a result of these recommendations and therefore was happy to accept the recommendations.

Councillors Muirhead and Coventry were heard in support of the recommendations.

Mr Bourne was heard in support of the recommendations and spoke to congratulate the Head of Education and her team for the work they have done in relation to this.

Councillor Constable further expressed his thanks to the communities that had participated in the consultation.

#### Decision

The Council agreed:

- a) From August 2016 establish the new primary school at Bilston Public Park, Bilston and create its catchment, rezoning all housing in Bilston from Roslin Primary School to the new school;
- b) From August 2016 rezone Damhead, Lothianburn, Nivensknowe Park, Pentland Park, Straiton Park and recently built houses at Corby Craig to the catchment of the new Bilston primary school, currently in the catchment for Loanhead Primary School;
- c) When the replacement Paradykes Primary School is ready for occupation transfer the residential areas in the vicinity of Mayshade Road and Park Avenue and housing development site h54 "Ashgrove" from the catchment area of Loanhead Primary School to the catchment of Paradykes Primary School;
- d) When the replacement school is ready for occupation relocate Paradykes Primary School to the replacement school site at George Avenue, Loanhead;
- e) By August 2016 for Proposals 1 and 2, and by completion of the replacement Paradykes Primary School for Proposals 3 and 4, review School Travel Plans for existing schools in light of the changes to catchment areas and revise them where appropriate; and
- f) Note the transition arrangements and reassurances given as detailed in 2.13 of the report.

Action
Head of Education

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Report No.	Report Title	Presented by:
17	Early Years Staffing Model for Pre-School Provision	Head of Education

Outline of report and summary of discussion
<p>The Council heard from the Head of Education who presented the report advising the Council of the proposed model for the most cost effective delivery of Early Learning and Childcare for 3 and 4 year olds, which was approved by Education Transformation Board on 12 January 2016, and to seek approval to progress to consultation with key stakeholders, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Council's Policy for Organisational Change (Local Government Employees) and Organisational Restructure (Teaching staff).</p> <p>Councillor Constable welcomed the report in particular the opportunity to review Early Years provision and moved that the recommendations were accepted.</p> <p>Councillor Muirhead requested further information in relation to the number of settings and whether these take into account new schools and further that areas of multiple deprivation were taken into account in relation to the allocation of resource. The Head of Education referenced the Education Bill which has recently been passed and the requirement to 'close the gap' and therefore allocate resources to areas of greatest need. Further the Head of Education confirmed that the proposed model would allow for flexibility in the delivery of the service and finally confirmed that where required there would be additional resources to deliver services in growing communities in line with the required ratios.</p> <p>Mr Bourne welcomed the report citing the importance of Early Years Nursery Education – in particular the key roles including the Childcare Development Worker. Further Mr Bourne welcomed a further update at a later date.</p>

Decision
<p>The Council agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) To note the proposed staffing model for delivery of Early Learning and Childcare for 3 and 4 year olds; and</li> <li>b) To approve that Officers will progress to consultation with key stakeholders</li> </ul>

Action
Head of Education

Report No.	Report Title	Presented by:
<b>18</b>	<b>Tyne Esk LEADER Programme 2014-20</b>	<b>Head of Communities and Economy</b>

#### Outline of report and summary of discussion

The Council heard from the Head of Communities and Economy who provided an update to the Council on the progress of the Tyne Esk LEADER Programme 2014-20 following Scottish Government approval of the Local Development Strategy and Business Plan.

Councillor Bryant welcomed the report and confirmed he was happy to accept the recommendations.

#### Decision

The Council agreed to:

- a) Note the success of the bid for funding for the Tyne Esk LEADER Programme 2014-20, and the details of that funding and operational arrangements set out in the report; and
- b) Note that Midlothian Council will act as Accountable Body for 2014-20 Tyne Esk LEADER Programme

Report No.	Report Title	Presented by:
<b>19</b>	<b>Refugee Donations Centres</b>	<b>Director, Resources</b>

#### Outline of report and summary of discussion

The Council heard from the Director, Resources who requested the Provost permit Rev. Ruth Halley to address the Council. Following the Provost's agreement, Rev. Ruth Halley provided an update on the arrangements being established in association with local churches for the public, community groups, Council staff and other organisations to make donations which be collected for onward transit to support the refugees living with camps within Europe.

Councillor Bryant was heard in support of the recommendations in the report.

#### Decision

The Council agreed:

- a) To note the establishment of local collection centres at churches as listed within the report;
- b) To note the intention of the Director, Resources to co-ordinate the collation and distribution of donated items in the short term at the vacant archive facility in Bonnyrigg; and
- c) To request the Director, Resources to report to Council in the event of the level of donations received being significant and resulting in any budgetary implications.

**Action**

Director, Resources

**Sederunt – The Provost asked for a short recess and the meeting was suspended at 4.00pm.**

**The meeting then reconvened at 4.10pm**

Report No.	Report Title	Presented by:
<b>20</b>	<b>Borders Railway – Hop on Hop off Bus</b>	<b>Director, Resources</b>

**Outline of report and summary of discussion**

The Council heard from the Director, Resources who spoke to the report which provided Elected Members with details of the proposed Hop on Hop off Bus service which would allow visitors to use the Borders Railway and to access the various attractions across the Midlothian Council area. Further the Director sought Council support to underwrite any shortfall in funding.

The Council heard from Councillor Rosie who expressed thanks to the Head of Commercial Operations for the work that has been completed to date in relation to this project and further confirmed his view that this proposed service would enhance the visitor experience to Midlothian and provide opportunities for Midlothian from an economic perspective.

Councillor Imrie then moved that the Council take no action in relation to the recommendations. Councillor Imrie confirmed his support for the Borders Railway and for further his support for the tourist attractions in Midlothian. He confirmed his move for no action was based on the fact that there is already in existence the bus network provided by Lothian Buses. Further Councillor Imrie suggested that the signage at the railway stations in Midlothian should be enhanced in the first instance. Councillor Imrie concluded that, in his view, the proposals were not value for money.

Councillor Pottinger was heard in support of Councillor Imrie's comments and further seconded Councillor Imrie's motion.

Councillor de Vink was then heard in support of Councillor Rosie's comments and seconded his move to support the recommendations contained within the report.

Councillor Bennett expressed his opposition to the report recommendations.

Councillor Baxter expressed concerns about the route and timetable proposed and further expressed that this was an excellent idea but required a review of the timetable.

Councillor Milligan expressed his opposition to the recommendations and suggested that the proposals were reviewed and further the proposed cost could be better utilised to inform visitors what buses are available and when.

Following further discussion by Elected Members and confirmation from the Head of Commercial Operations that there was ongoing work with other stakeholders in relation to realising the opportunities as a result of the Borders Railway and this proposal was designed to enhance accessibility to the attractions within Midlothian.

Following the discussion, the Provost invite Elected Members to vote in relation to the motions:

8 Elected Members voted for Councillor Imrie's motion

10 Elected Members voted for Councillor Rosie's motion which therefore became the decision of the Council.

#### Decision

Therefore, the Council agreed:

- a) To note the outcome of the tender process for a new Hop on Hop off bus service linked directly to the Borders Rail line; and
- b) That the Council underwrites any shortfall up to £69,100 and that this is funded by a supplementary estimate in 2016/17 if required.
- c) Request that the Director, Resources to come forward with a report in due course at the conclusion of the service provision.

#### Action

Director, Resources

Report No.	Report Title	Presented by:
21	<b>Police and Fire and Rescue Board and Community Safety and Justice Partnership</b>	<b>Head of Customer and Housing Services</b>

#### Outline of report and summary of discussion

The Head of Customer and Housing Services presented a report to the Council which sought nominations and proposed a schedule of meetings for the Midlothian Police and Fire and Rescue Board and the Midlothian Community Safety and Justice Partnership Board.

Councillor Johnstone was heard confirming the nominations on behalf of the Administration as Councillors Parry, Wallace, de Vink and Baxter for both forums. Councillor Constable was then heard in support of the nominations.

#### Decision

The Council agreed to:

- a) Approve the remit and proposed meeting dates of the Police and Fire and Rescue Board and updated Scheme of Administration;
- b) Approve the proposed meeting dates of the Community Safety and Justice Partnership; and
- c) Confirm the membership of the Police and Fire and Rescue Board as Councillors Baxter, de Vink, Montgomery, Muirhead, Parry and Wallace; (Councillors Montgomery and Muirhead were nominated on 15 December 2015)
- d) Confirm the membership of the Community Safety and Justice Partnership as Councillors Baxter, de Vink, Parry, Pottinger, Russell and Wallace; (Councillors Russell and Pottinger were nominated on 15 December 2015)

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#### Action

Democratic Services

Report No.	Report Title	Presented by:
<b>22</b>	<b>Dalkeith Town Centre Seminar</b>	<b>Director, Resources</b>

#### Outline of report and summary of discussion

The Director, Resources presented the report which recommended that Council requests a seminar to be held in relation to the development of Dalkeith Town Centre.

#### Decision

The Council agreed to:

- a) Instruct the Director, Resources to progress and arrange a seminar of Elected Members in respect of the development of Dalkeith Town Centre.

#### Action

Director, Resources



## **8. Exclusion of Members of the Public**

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In view of the nature of the business to be transacted, the Council 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 6, and 14 of Part I of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973:-

- (a) Newbattle Centre Delivery Update - approved
- (b) Processing of Blue Bin Recycling Material - approved
- (c) Parking in Midlothian Update – approved
- (d) Proposed Rosewell Community Hub - approved