

MINUTES of SPECIAL MEETING of the MIDLOTHIAN COUNCIL CABINET held in the Council Chambers, Midlothian House, Buccleuch Street, Dalkeith on Tuesday, 25August 2015 at 9.00 am.

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

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

1 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were intimated.

2 2014/2015 Performance Reports – Quarter 1

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 improvement in sickness absence levels;
- (b) To note that only two properties remain to be vacated at Newbyres, Gorebridge;
- (c) To note the improved collection rates in respect of Council Tax and Council House Rents;
- (d) To note the potential to increase the numbers of services available via libraries by the creation of community hubs;
- (e) To note that that there were no adults with complex care needs placed outwith Midlothian;
- (f) To note that sicknessabsence levels at Newbyres care Home had reduced by 75%;
- (g) To note that there were 32 children on the Child protection register;
- (h) To note the potential benefits which could accrue from the Edinburgh City Region Deal;

- (i) To note the outcome of the ballot for the Penicuik Business Improvement District and the positive effects this could have in both the long and short term;
- (j) To note (i) the increase of 0.8% to 90% in the in the numbers of young people leaving school and going on to positive destinations; and (ii)that the method of compiling statistics used by Skills Development Scotland was due to change which would , reduce the numbers shown to be going on to positive destinations, for all local authorities;
- (k) To note the satisfactory position in relation to the pool of supply teachers;
- (l) To note the progress being made in respect of the provision of a waste facility at Millerhill; the introduction of Food Waste collections; and EWIM;
- (m) To note the progress with the Energy Management; Purchase to Pay; Document Management; and Committee Management initiatives;
- (n) To recognise the importance of Financial Discipline in respect of all transformation projects; and
- (o) To otherwise note the reports.

The meeting terminated at 09.45 am.