Appointment of Acting Head of Education – Report by Director, Education, Communities and Economy

1 Purpose of Report

To report the appointment to the position of Head of Education on a temporary basis.

2 Background

At the meeting of the Council on 26 June 2018, it was unanimously agreed that Standing Order 17.2 be suspended to allow for the appointment, on a temporary basis, to the post of Head of Education vacated by Dr Grace Vickers following her appointment to the position of Chief Executive of Midlothian Council.

It was further agreed that, the Director, Education, Communities and Economy after discussion with the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Education, failing whom the Leader of the Council, would have authority to approve the appointment to the position of Head of Education on a temporary basis pending a permanent appointment to the post following external advertisement. The Council also requested that the appointment be notified to the next available meeting by way of a report.

In accordance with the above remit, Maria Lloyd has been appointed on a temporary basis to the post of Head of Education, effective from 8 August 2018.

3 Report Implications

3.1 Resource

Not applicable.

3.2 Risk

Not applicable.

3.3 Single Midlothian Plan and Business Transformation

Themes addressed in this report:

Community safety

Adult health, care and housing

 \boxtimes Getting it right for every Midlothian child

Improving opportunities in Midlothian

Sustainable growth

Business transformation and Best ValueNone of the above

3.4 Key Priorities within the Single Midlothian Plan

Not Applicable

3.5 Impact on Performance and Outcomes

Not Applicable

3.6 Adopting a Preventative Approach

Not Applicable

3.7 Involving Communities and Other Stakeholders

Not Applicable

3.8 Ensuring Equalities

Not Applicable

3.9 Supporting Sustainable Development

Not Applicable

3.10 IT Issues

Not Applicable

4 Recommendation

The Council is invited to note the appointment of Maria Lloyd to the position of Acting Head of Education effective from 8 August 2018. Following external advertisement of the position a permanent appointment will be made in due course.

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