

**“Call-in” from Meeting of Cabinet on Tuesday 14 January 2014:  
Funding Bid Project for Arts in Midlothian****Report by John Blair, Director, Resources****1 Background**

This report advises of a “call-in” of a Cabinet decision from its meeting on 14 January 2014. A copy of the “call-in” is shown at Annex 1.

The “call-in” relates to the Cabinet’s decision concerning a Funding Bid Project for Arts in Midlothian. A copy of the report which was considered by Cabinet is shown at Annexes 2 (a);(b); and (c).

The Cabinet agreed:-

*“To confirm its support for the steps taken so far ,and to authorise appropriate staff to continue to seek funding and develop the business case for a Midlothian arts facility with NMMS trust , the arts community and external funders.”*

Under the “call-in” procedure, the Cabinet’s decision in relation to the "called-in" item is frozen pending resolution through the process described at paragraph (h) of the “call-in” procedure, a copy of which is shown at Annex 3.

**2 “Call-in” Procedure**

In terms of the “call-in” procedure, after having considered the "called-in" business, the Performance, Review and Scrutiny Committee must decide only in accordance with one of the following two options:-

- (i) **Option 1** - To note the Cabinet's decision. (This will have the effect of immediately unfreezing the “called-in” decision); or
- (ii) **Option 2** - To make specific recommendation(s) back to the Cabinet on the "called-in" item. Such recommendation(s) shall be reported to the next available Cabinet meeting without the need for prior publication or approval of the Performance, Scrutiny and Audit Committee minutes. Where the Cabinet declines to accept any or all of these, the matter shall continue to be frozen and referred *simpliciter* by the Director, Corporate Resources to the full Midlothian Council for determination. Should he deem it appropriate, the Director may call Special Council and/or Cabinet meetings to facilitate the determination of the matter.

### **3 Recommendation**

The Performance, Review and Scrutiny Committee is invited to consider the “called-in” business and agree in terms of either Option 1 or 2 above.

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