

# Minute of Meeting



## Cabinet

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

### Present:

Councillor Johnstone	Councillor Bryant
Councillor Parry	Councillor Constable
Councillor Rosie	

### Religious Representatives:

Mr V Bourne Rev. Ruth Halley	
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## 1 Apologies

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- 1.1 Apologies received for Mrs M Harkness.

## 2 Order of Business

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

## 3 Declarations of interest

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No declarations of interest were received.

## 4 Minutes of Previous Meetings

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The Minutes of the Meetings of the Cabinet of 30 August 2016 were submitted and approved as correct records.

## Reports

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Agenda No	Report Title	Presented by:
5.1	<b>Inspection of Mauricewood Primary School and Nursery Class</b>	<b>Director Education, Communities and Economy</b>

### Outline of report and summary of discussion

The report detailed the outcome of the inspection carried out by HM Inspectorate of Education and the Care Commission which was communicated in their letter dated 30 August 2016.

Mauricewood Primary School was inspected on the week beginning 16 May 2016. The report was published on 30 August 2016 and has been distributed to all Elected Members and Church Representatives on the Cabinet for their information.

Following inspection, the Scottish Government gathered evaluations of five core quality indicators to keep track of how well all Scottish Early, Learning and Childcare settings and schools were doing. Noted below are the evaluations for Mauricewood Primary School and Nursery Class:

#### Primary School

Improvements in Performance	Good
Learners' Experiences	Good
Meeting Learning Needs	Very Good

#### Nursery Class

Improvements in Performance	Very Good
Childrens' Experiences	Very Good
Meeting Learning Needs	Good

## Primary School and Nursery Class

The Curriculum	Good
Improvement through self-evaluation	Satisfactory

The following particular strengths were indicated by the inspection team:

- The supportive and inclusive ethos where children are happy, polite, settled and enjoy learning together.
- Staff who are keen to improve their professional practice in order to improve children's learning and achievement.
- The flexible approaches taken by staff to meet the range of social, emotional and learning needs of children.
- Highly motivated nursery children who are actively engaged in making decisions about their learning.

The following areas for improvement were agreed between HMIE, the Nursery and the Education service:

- Continue to develop the curriculum to provide progression in all aspects of learning.
- Continue to improve approaches to assessing and tracking children's learning, helping them to understand their own progress and achievements.
- Improve approaches to school self-evaluation with a clear focus on improving outcomes for children.

HMIE had concluded that they were satisfied with the overall quality of provision. They were confident that the school's self-evaluation processes were leading to improvements. As a result, HMIE would make no further evaluative visits in connection with this inspection. The local authority would carry out a follow up inspection to review the progress with the action plan with a specific focus on self-evaluation and would report back within 2 years of the date of the initial inspection report. Mary Smith was heard in amplification of this report during which she introduced Mrs Judith Mathers, Head Teacher, Mauricewood Primary School who provided Members with further information on the background to this Inspection.

Several Members along with Mr Bourne were heard highlighting that this was an outstanding Inspection report and congratulating all involved.

### Decision

- (a) To note the content of the inspection report;
- (b) To pass this report to the Performance, Review and Scrutiny Committee for its consideration; and
- (c) To congratulate the pupils, parents, carers and staff connected with Mauricewood Primary School and Nursery Class on the key highlighted within the report.

### Action

Director Education, Communities and Economy

Agenda No	Report Title	Presented by:
5.2	<b>Delivering Excellence and Equity in Scottish Education: A delivery plan for Scotland</b>	<b>Director Education, Communities and Economy</b>

#### Outline of report and summary of discussion

The report introduced the Scottish Government's *Delivering Excellence and Equity in Scottish Education: a delivery plan for Scotland* to Cabinet. The report drew particular attention to the Scottish Government consultation called *Empowering teachers, parents and communities to achieve excellence and equity in education: A Governance Review* which was launched on 13 September 2016 and closes on 6 January 2017. The report outlined the arrangements for the proposed local consultation period for Midlothian in order to ensure that the Council (i) raised the profile of the ongoing review; (ii) sought the views of local stakeholders; and (iii) prepared a co-ordinated Midlothian response to the ongoing consultation. In order to achieve this, the report requested approval of the recommendations contained therein. Mary Smith was heard in amplification of the report

#### Decision

- (a) To co-ordinate a series of consultation events in Midlothian in order to raise the profile and to seek the views of local stakeholders on the Scottish Government consultation called *Empowering teachers, parents and communities to achieve excellence and equity in education: A Governance Review*
- (b) To present a seminar to elected members at the end of November 2016 outlining the outcome of the Midlothian Consultation on the Education Governance Review;
- (c) To present the final consultation response to Council in December 2016; and
- (d) To note the on-going work in Midlothian to reduce inequalities and the strategic intent to create a World-Class Education System through Excellence and Equity.

#### Action

Director Education, Communities and Economy

Agenda No	Report Title	Presented by:
6.1	Carbon Management Plan 2013-2016 Final Report	<b>Head of Property and Facilities Management</b>

#### Outline of report and summary of discussion

The purpose of the report was to advise Members of the outcome 2013 to 2016 Carbon Management Plan and the Councils position at the conclusion of this.

The Carbon Management Plan 2013 - 2016 was initiated with the target of achieving a 25% reduction in carbon emissions based on the 2006/7 Carbon output tonnage of 27,237CO<sub>2e</sub>. This equated to a target tonnage reduction of 8,800 tonnes CO<sub>2e</sub> over the period.

During the plan period, actions were taken to reduce carbon emissions potentially in the areas of Building Energy, Street Lighting, Fleet Transport and Waste Management. The final report which was attached as an Appendix to the report confirmed that the Council had exceeded its target and achieved a CO<sub>2</sub> emissions tonnage of 11,035 tonnes or 31% reduction. The Head of Property and Facilities Management was heard in amplification of the report.

#### Decision

- (a) To note the outcome of the 2013-2016 Carbon Management plan and that the plans targets had been exceeded; and
- (b) To note that a new Carbon Management Plan was currently being prepared and would be presented to a future Council meeting.

#### Action

Head of Property and Facilities Management

Agenda No	Report Title	Presented by:
6.2	<b>Lothian Joint Health Protection Plan 2016- 2018</b>	<b>Director Education, Communities and Economy</b>

#### Outline of report and summary of discussion

The report requested Cabinet to approve the Lothian Joint Health Protection Plan (JHPP) for the period 2016/2018. A copy of the Plan had been made available in the Members' Library.

The Plan had been developed through a consultative process via a working group comprising NHS Lothian's Director of Public Health and Health Policy, a Consultant in Public Health Medicine and the Chief Officer(s) Environmental Health of the City of Edinburgh, East Lothian, Midlothian and West Lothian Councils. The plan aimed to:

- Provide clarity about which agency and persons had overall responsibility in protecting the public health.
- Ensure preparedness and enhance co-operation among agencies in combating major emergencies, for example bioterrorism and lessons from Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS).
- Resolve gaps and uncertainties in the adequacy of statutory powers that might be required for communicable disease control particularly for emerging hazards, for example early interventions in avian or pandemic flu.
- Update the principles and concepts underpinning public health legislation for the twenty-first century to reflect changes in public health ethics and values, new scientific developments and the response to globalisation.

Edel Ryan was heard in amplification of the report.

#### Decision

- (a) To approve the Lothian Joint Health Protection Plan(JHPP) 2016/18, and
- (b) Remits the JHPP to the Chief Executive to sign off on behalf of Midlothian Council.

#### Action

Edel Ryan

#### Exclusion of Members of the Public

In view of the nature of the business to be transacted, the Cabinet 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 paragraph 11 of Part I of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973:-

Inquorate Meeting of the Joint Consultative Group of 10 May 2016 – Noted

The Cabinet thereafter agreed to proceed as detailed in the Addendum hereto.

The meeting terminated at 11.25am.