



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EAST LoTHIAN COUNCIL

TUESDAY 16 DECEMBER 2014
COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HOUSE, HADDINGTON

Committee Members Present:

Provost L Broun-Lindsay (Convener)	Councillor W Innes
Councillor S Akhtar	Councillor M Libberton
Councillor D Berry	Councillor P MacKenzie
Councillor S Brown	Councillor P McLennan
Councillor J Caldwell	Councillor K McLeod
Councillor S Currie	Councillor J McMillan
Councillor A Forrest	Councillor J McNeil
Councillor J Gillies	Councillor T Trotter
Councillor J Goodfellow	Councillor M Veitch
Councillor D Grant	Councillor J Williamson
Councillor N Hampshire	

Council Officials Present:

Mrs A Leitch, Chief Executive
Ms M Patterson, Depute Chief Executive (Partnerships and Community Services)
and Monitoring Officer
Mr A McCrorie, Depute Chief Executive (Resources and People Services)
Mr D Small, Director of East Lothian Health & Social Care Partnership
Mr J Lamond, Head of Council Resources
Mr R Montgomery, Head of Infrastructure
Mr D Proudfoot, Acting Head of Development
Mr T Shearer, Head of Communities & Partnerships
Mr J Aitken, Communications Assistant
Ms C Dora, Executive Assistant
Ms M Ferguson, Service Manager – Legal and Procurement
Ms J McCabe, Senior Solicitor
Mr I McFarlane, Service Manager – Planning
Mr P Vestri, Service Manager – Corporate Policy & Improvement
Ms E Wilson, Service Manager – Economic Development & Strategic Investment

Visitors Present:

Chief Superintendent G Imery, Police Scotland (Item 3)
Chief Inspector A Clark, Police Scotland (Item 3)
Mr J Dickie, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (Item 4)
Mr A Knowles, Musselburgh Riding of the Marches 2016 Ltd (Item 14)

Clerk:

Mrs L Gillingwater

Apologies:

Councillor T Day
Councillor McAllister

1. COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

The minute of the Council meeting specified below was submitted and approved.

East Lothian Council – 28 October 2014

Matters arising:

Minutes for Approval – East Lothian Council, 26 August 2014 – the Chief Executive advised that she had written several times to Scottish Power as regards the future of the Cockenzie Power Station site. She had received no response to date and Scottish Power had declined to attend a recent meeting of the cross-party working group.

Local Development Plan Main Issues Report - Councillor Hampshire reported that the recent public consultation events in relation to the Main Issues Report had been well attended. He thanked the staff who had organised the events. He urged all Members to encourage their communities to participate in the consultation.

2. COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR NOTING

The minutes of the Council and Committee meetings specified below were noted:

Local Review Body – 20 November 2014

3. EAST LOTHIAN POLICE PERFORMANCE REPORT, 1 APRIL – 30 SEPTEMBER 2014

Chief Superintendent Gill Imery presented the report, advising that the Year 3 priorities would focus more on local issues and the needs of communities. She drew attention to a number of areas of focus at a national level, including the new drink-drive limit, use of psychoactive substances, child exploitation, violent crime, sexual crime and domestic abuse, and how these issues affected East Lothian.

In response to questions from Members as to why national statistics were omitted from the report, Chief Superintendent Imery advised that although she was not required to provide the national context in her report, she thought it would be helpful to communicate this verbally to Members.

On budget matters, Chief Superintendent Imery reported that the Scottish Police Authority had responsibility for the budget. She spoke of the impact of the impending closure of Haddington Sheriff Court and the plans in place to maximise the use of police resources once business is transferred to Edinburgh Sheriff Court.

Councillor Caldwell asked about the anticipated effect of the new drink-drive limit. Chief Superintendent Imery reported that there had been a decline in drink-driving, although the 'morning after' effect of alcohol use was a concern. She cautioned against dependency on home breathalyser kits.

As regards the reporting of domestic abuse incidents, Chief Superintendent Imery explained that incidents reported often did not involve a crime, hence the use of the term 'reported' for this indicator. She outlined a number of possible factors which may account for a rise in domestic abuse incidents.

Chief Inspector Clark then provided a summary of the performance report and updated Members on a number of operations underway. He drew particular attention to the increased rate of housebreaking offences, initiatives to tackle violent crime, and stop and search activities.

In light of a number of recent robberies in Musselburgh, Councillor McNeil asked if there had been a sufficient police presence in the town. He also asked for details on the numbers of 999 and 101 calls made from East Lothian. Chief Inspector Clark advised that additional national resources had been deployed in Musselburgh in relation to those incidents, including plain clothes officers. He undertook to provide call handling details to the next meeting of the Safe & Vibrant Communities Partnership.

In response to a question from Councillor Berry as regards stop and search activity, Chief Inspector Clark explained that the police targeted people known to carry weapons, as well as specific areas where violent crime had been committed. He stated that this was a legitimate tactic, which had resulted in an increase in detection of weapons. He undertook to provide further information in future reports on the types of weapons recovered. Chief Superintendent Imery added that there had been no complaints from the public in relation to stop and search activity and that, as a preventative measure, the Police were actively engaging with young people.

On partnership working, Chief Inspector Clark spoke of the close working relations with the road traffic police and also with community police officers and the Council's Anti-social Behaviour Team.

Councillor McMillan requested the inclusion of information on repeat/persistent offenders in future reports and also asked for details on car parking issues. Chief Superintendent Imery noted that parking issues had been debated at the Safe & Vibrant Community Partnership and that the Police had an enforcement role in instances of dangerous parking.

Councillor McNeil asked what happened to cash seized under the Proceeds of Crime Act. Chief Superintendent Imery reported that there was a national fund for seizures, and money was then disbursed for community-based projects.

Councillor MacKenzie suggested that the Police should be more engaged in pastoral and education work with communities.

A number of Members commented that the format of the report made the data difficult to interpret and it was not easy to ascertain how well the Police were performing in East Lothian in comparison to other areas.

The Chief Executive indicated that the performance indicators could be reviewed through the Safe & Vibrant Communities Partnership.

Members paid tribute to the work of the Police in East Lothian.

Decision

The Council agreed to note the report.

4. EAST Lothian FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE PERFORMANCE REPORT, 1 APRIL – 30 SEPTEMBER 2014

Mr John Dickie of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service presented the report, drawing the attention of Members to the outcomes in relation to the five priorities of the Service.

In response to questions from Members, Mr Dickie reported that the Fire and Rescue Service was working with property owners to reduce unwanted fire signals and also those who had experienced accidental dwelling fires. On prevention and protection, he pointed out that the annual target would be met, despite the team not being fully staffed at present and the introduction of a new national database.

Councillor Goodfellow asked about the value of Priority 4 – reduction in road traffic collisions. Mr Dickie advised that the Fire and Rescue Service had an important role in this area, with involvement in the road safety group, education of young people and partnership working with other agencies to reduce road accidents. It was also noted that young people from schools in East Lothian continued to visit the Risk Factory in Edinburgh.

The report and its easy-to-read format were welcomed by Members.

Decision

The Council agreed to note the report.

5. HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE INTEGRATION: EAST Lothian INTEGRATION SCHEME – CONSULTATION DRAFT

A report was submitted by the Director of Health and Social Care seeking approval for consultation the draft Integration Scheme required to establish the East Lothian Integration Joint Board.

The Director of Health & Social Care, David Small, presented the report, advising that the draft Integration Scheme had now been approved for consultation by NHS Lothian. He noted that the consultation period would continue until 17 February, with a final version being presented to the Council and NHS Lothian in March for approval. He drew attention to the key aspects of the draft Integration Scheme, noting that a number of areas were subject to further guidance by the Scottish Government. He anticipated that the Integrated Joint Board (IJB) would be established in June 2015.

In response to questions from Councillor Berry on the relationship between the IJB and the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary and Western General Hospital, Mr Small advised that a strategic plan would focus on the requirements of East Lothian residents, with budgetary provision being made for this. He added that agreement with NHS Lothian would be required as to how to reduce the use of hospital services and provide care in the home/closer to home. He also noted that any budget released in this way would be reinvested locally.

Councillor McLennan asked if the IJB would take decisions as regards services in community hospitals in East Lothian. Mr Small explained that the IJB would not take ownership of capital assets; they would remain within the ownership of the Council and the NHS. However, the strategic plan would influence how these assets were used and the Council and the NHS would be responsible for redevelopment and re-provision.

Councillor Hampshire asked a question on the financial implications for the Council. Mr Small advised that, if approved, a body responsible for £100m of expenditure in East Lothian would be established. He did not anticipate a significant increase in overheads and management costs, and that efficiencies should be achieved through joint working and co-location.

Councillor Grant thanked Mr Small and Joanne McCabe (Senior Solicitor) for their work on developing the draft Integration Scheme, and welcomed the consultation.

Councillor Currie also welcomed the report and the opportunity to shape health services in East Lothian. He highlighted challenges, including reducing bed blocking, but also noted the potentially positive impact on communities of this partnership working.

Decision

The Council agreed:

- i. to note the delegation of functions as approved at the meeting of East Lothian Council on 24 June 2014 and the position in relation to the integration of Children's Health and Social Care Services;
- ii. to approve for public consultation the East Lothian draft Integration Scheme (available in the Members' Library, December 2014 Bulletin, Ref: 243/14);
- iii. to note that NHS Lothian had agreed to consult on the East Lothian draft Integration Scheme; and
- iv. to note and approve the consultation period as set out in the report and to approve that a revised Integration Scheme would be considered for approval at an additional meeting of the Council in March 2015 prior to submission to the Scottish Government on 31 March 2015.

6. CLOSURE OF HADDINGTON SHERIFF COURT: IMPACT ON EAST LOTHIAN COUNCIL

A report was submitted by the Chief Executive informing Members of the impact of the closure of Haddington Sheriff Court on East Lothian Council.

The Chief Executive presented the report, drawing attention to the effects that the Court closure would have on the Council, as set out in the report. She also expressed concern at potential delays of cases at Edinburgh Sheriff Court. She took the opportunity to thank Haddington Sheriffs and Justices of the Peace, past and present, and acknowledged the work that they had done. She also pointed out that she had written to the new Justice Secretary requesting that the closure of Haddington Sheriff Court should be reconsidered.

Councillor Veitch welcomed the report, and expressed his gratitude to all those who had campaigned against the closure of the Court.

Councillor Berry highlighted the importance of having a sheriff with local knowledge and voiced his concern that losing this could have a significant social impact.

Councillor McMillan proposed that the Council Leader should also write to the Justice Minister and the First Minister requesting that the decision to close the Court be re-examined. The Provost declared that he would also be a signatory of this letter and offered

Councillor Currie, as Leader of the Opposition, the opportunity to add his signature to re-affirm cross-party support on this issue.

Commenting that he would like to see the letter prior to signing it, Councillor Currie re-stated the SNP Group's view that they were opposed to the closure of the Court. He also welcomed the retention of providing a video-link facility in Haddington for vulnerable witnesses.

Decision

The Council agreed:

- i. to note the contents of the report; and
- ii. that the Council Leader and Provost would write to the Justice Minister, and the Leader of the Opposition would also be invited to sign the letter.

7. HOUSING LAND SUPPLY: INTERIM PLANNING GUIDANCE

A report was submitted by the Depute Chief Executive (Partnerships and Community Services) advising of the continued shortfall in East Lothian's land supply and that further action should be taken to address this by approving revised interim guidance on how the Council considers approving, in appropriate circumstances, housing development on land not allocated for that purpose. The report also advised of the review of the original Housing Land Supply: Interim Planning Guidance (approved by Cabinet on 10 December 2013) to take into account approval of SESplan Supplementary Guidance on Housing Land, the publication of new Scottish Planning Policy, the approval of the Council's Main Issues Report for consultation and the emerging proposed Local Development Plan (LDP) as it is developed. The Council would be notified of the latest housing land supply position in East Lothian on an annual basis by way of reports to the Members' Library.

The Service Manager – Planning, Iain McFarlane, presented the report, advising Members that the Council did not currently have the five-year housing land supply as required by Scottish Planning Policy. Given the timescales as regards the new Local Development Plan, he proposed that the Council should embrace SESplan Policy 7 (supporting the principle of planning applications for housing on Greenfield land in certain situations) in order that the Council could maintain a five years' effective housing land supply. He also provided an explanation as to how the adequacy of the housing land supply might be calculated, noting that the SESplan authorities were developing a consistent approach in this regard.

Responding to questions from Councillor Berry, Mr McFarlane advised that the provision of the infrastructure for housing developments was a significant issue; however, even where there was demonstrable evidence that the land could not come forward due to infrastructure problems, the Council was still required to provide the housing land supply. He added that developers would argue that the infrastructure issues could be resolved by developing smaller sites.

Councillor Goodfellow asked for clarification on the location of the Strategic Development Area. Mr McFarlane informed him that this incorporated the land to the north and south of the A1 and the railway corridor, between Musselburgh and Dunbar.

Councillor Hampshire commented that communities felt aggrieved with the Local Plan process due to agreed sites not being developed in favour of other sites not in the LDP. He welcomed the proposed revised guidance and hoped that it would allow the Council to

identify suitable sites to meet the housing land supply requirements. He also highlighted the importance of ensuring infrastructure requirements of selected sites in the new LDP could be met.

Councillor Berry expressed concern that the Council would come under pressure to add more houses to existing settlements without additional services being provided, rather than developing strategic sites such as Blindwells. He argued that this would be detrimental to residents' quality of life and he called on the Council to take a firm stance on this.

Whilst agreeing with the comments made, the Provost remarked that the Reporter tended to grant applications on appeal without taking account of the impact on local services and infrastructure.

Councillor Currie warned that demand for houses in East Lothian would outstrip supply. He also referred to the need to build additional affordable housing.

Decision

The Council agreed:

- i. to note that the Scottish Ministers' approval of SESplan's Strategic Development Plan (27 June 2013) and associated Supplementary Guidance on Housing Land (18 June 2014) had now confirmed the distribution of housing requirements for the SESplan area and for East Lothian;
- ii. to note that the new SPP reaffirmed the primacy of the Development Plan in decision making, but that in circumstances where the plan is out of date, or where there is a shortfall in the five-year effective housing land supply, plan policies on the supply of housing land would not be considered up to date. On both counts, this was relevant to the East Lothian Local Plan 2008. In these circumstances SPP further advised that a significant material consideration in the assessment of planning applications should be the SPP and its presumption in favour of development that contributes to sustainable development. SPP qualifies this by stating this does not mean development should be allowed at any cost, but that the aim is to achieve the right development in the right place;
- iii. to note that SPP states that where a plan is under review, decisions should not prejudice an emerging plan by predetermining the scale, location or phasing of development central to the emerging plan. This is likely to apply where the development is so substantial, or its cumulative effect (e.g. with other existing and/or emerging proposals) would be so significant that to grant permission would undermine the plan making progress. Such considerations relation to prematurity would become more relevant close to plan adoption, e.g. at Proposed LDP stage;
- iv. to note that Scottish Ministers had made other important and significant changes to SPP that amend the period over which housing land requirements should be set by future SDPs and planned for by associated LDPs. Although there is no nationally prescribed method for how the adequacy of the five-year effective housing land supply should be calculated, this change in national policy should influence how the calculation to measure and monitor the adequacy of that supply is carried out under the current SDP in East Lothian;
- v. to note that SDP Policies A1 and 1B, and Policies 5, 6 and 7, together with SESplan's Supplementary Guidance on Housing Land are the up-to-date policies on housing supply for East Lothian. SDP Policy 7 in particular is the up-to-date policy

on maintaining an effective five-year housing land supply where there is a shortfall in that supply. It provides for the principle of granting planning permission in appropriate circumstances for housing development, either within or outwith a Strategic Development Area, on Greenfield land, in order to maintain a five years' effective housing land supply; and

- vi. to note that the guidance detailed in Appendix 1 of the report takes into account the up-to-date SDP policy context and is approved as a material consideration to be taken into account alongside others in the assessment of planning applications for housing against SDP Policy 7 where such proposals are made for land not allocated for this purpose in the Development Plan.

8. EDINBURGH TO BERWICK-UPON-TWEED RAIL SERVICE UPDATE

A report was submitted by the Depute Chief Executive (Partnerships and Community Services) updating the Council on the Edinburgh to Berwick-upon-Tweed rail service and progress made towards the re-opening of stations at East Linton and Reston.

The Service Manager – Roads, Alan Stubbs, presented the report, advising Members of the efforts made to date to develop stations at East Linton and Reston, and of the recent reassurance that the Scottish Transport Minister remained committed to the development. He pointed out, however, that in order to progress the design proposals, East Lothian Council and Scottish Borders Council would be required to commit initial funding of £300,000 - £400,000.

In response to a question from Councillor McLennan regarding the funding of the station, Jim Lamond, Head of Council Resources, advised that this project was not yet fully included within the existing capital programme, but that the initial design phase costs could be accommodated during the current and subsequent financial years due to slippage of other projects in the programme. He added that the design work would establish the overall costs of the station project and that a bid for Scottish Government funding had been made but the outcome of the bid was not yet known. The Council would need to consider this as part of the budget process, albeit it was likely that the final costs of the project would not be known at the time the budget was set.

Councillor Hampshire reaffirmed his commitment to the project, but suggested that it would be unwise to commit any funding the station project before knowing what the actual costs would be. Councillor McLennan remarked that Members would require guidance on this issue from officers as regards including funding for the project in their forthcoming budget proposals. Mr Lamond reassured Members that advice would be provided, and undertook to monitor the situation between now and the end of January 2015.

Councillor Berry asked questions about the limitations on the proposed new service and also about the requirement for additional work at Dunbar Station to accommodate the service. Mr Stubbs advised that the issue of capacity on the line was under consideration and that the detailed design would allow for these issues to be resolved.

Councillor Veitch noted that Network Rail was supportive of a second platform at Dunbar Station. He welcomed the report and the progress made in reinstating a service between Berwick-upon-Tweed and Edinburgh, and the proposed new station at East Linton. He did, however, express his frustration at the additional funding required of the two councils for the design proposals. He thanked those involved for their efforts in reaching this stage of the process, particularly Peter Forsyth, Jim Lamond, Sarah Fortune, colleagues at Scottish Borders Council and the Scottish Parliament, SESTRAN and the RAGES campaign group.

His comments were echoed by Councillor Hampshire, who added that the Council should look at possible alternative methods of funding the development of the station, making reference to the recently built station at Winchburgh in West Lothian.

Councillor Berry welcomed the report, commenting that a railway station at East Linton would resolve parking issues at other local railway stations and would also open the village and the surrounding area up to travel and more housing.

Councillor McLennan thanked those who had campaigned for the station and praised the cross-party approach and commitment to the project.

Decision

The Council agreed to support and approve funding for the development costs necessary to fully design a new station at East Linton for further consideration in line with Network Rail Governance for Railway Investment Projects (GRIP) process.

Sederunt: Councillor Veitch left the meeting.

9. INTRODUCTION OF AND AMENDMENTS TO TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS 2014: VARIOUS ROADS IN EAST Lothian

A report was submitted by the Depute Chief Executive (Partnerships and Community Services) seeking approval to start the statutory procedure necessary to introduce and amend various Traffic Regulation Orders to prohibit waiting, loading and unloading, introduce 40 mph speed limits and ban and permit various types of vehicular traffic.

The Service Manager – Transport, Alan Stubbs, presented the report, advising of the reasons for seeking to commence the statutory process required to make or amend Traffic Regulation Orders.

As regards the proposal to control parking at electric vehicle charging points, Councillor Goodfellow asked for further information. Mr Stubbs explained that the time limit would depend on the type of charging point, and that the feedback received as part of the consultation process on the location of charging points would be considered.

The proposals were welcomed by a number of Members.

Decision

The Council agreed to approve the initiation of the statutory procedure necessary to introduce and amend Traffic Regulation Orders in accordance with 'The Local Authorities' Traffic Regulation Orders (Procedures) (Scotland) Regulations 1999 and such introduction and amendments in force in respect of locations and proposals listed in Appendix A of the report.

10. AREA PARTNERSHIPS: DEVOLVED BUDGET

A report was submitted by the Depute Chief Executive (Partnerships and Community Services) presenting proposals to devolve budgets to Area Partnerships.

The Service Manager – Corporate Policy and Improvement, Paolo Vestri, presented the report, drawing particular attention to the proposed allocation of devolved funds and the determination of priorities for local allocation of devolved funding. He noted that four Area Managers would be appointed to manage the budgets and liaise between the Area Partnerships and Council services. He also mentioned that Area Partnerships would be expected to explore opportunities for attracting funds from other sources.

Councillor Berry questioned why each Area Partnership could not have its own Area Manager. The Chief Executive advised that the decision had been reached after consideration of the local population and available budget, but that the position would be monitored over time.

In response to questions from Councillor Currie, the Chief Executive confirmed that the £600,000 allocated for services provided by the Council's Amenity Services was within the existing budget, that the £300,000 capital roads budget could only be used for that purpose, and that the one-off funding allocation of £350,000 was non-recurring.

Councillor Akhtar welcomed the report and the work already underway within the Area Partnerships. She recognised the role of schools within local communities, and the ability for local communities to determine their own priorities.

Whilst welcoming the report and the opportunities for communities to address issues within their own areas, Councillor Berry voiced his disappointment that there was not an Area Manager for each cluster area.

Councillor Currie expressed concern that there would be no additional money for education, as had been set out in the Labour Group's manifesto of 2012. He claimed that the Administration had merely moved money from one area to another. He did, however, agree that communities were in the best position to make decisions for their own areas. Referring to the SNP Group budget of 2014, he re-stated his view that their proposed Town Centre Managers would be best placed to manage Area Partnership funding and that the SNP would pursue this idea.

Councillor Hampshire commented that allowing communities some control over funding would give them a better understanding of maintaining facilities and services. He welcomed the progress made to date and remarked that there was still much work to be done.

Decision

The Council agreed to approve the recommendations as set out in Sections 3.8 and 3.9 of the report.

11. EDINBURGH CITY REGION DEAL

A report was submitted by the Depute Chief Executive (Partnerships and Community Services) advising the Council of the opportunity to participate in the development of a business case for an Edinburgh City Region Deal Infrastructure Fund.

The Service Manager – Economic Development and Strategic Investment, Esther Wilson, presented the report, highlighting the key features of city deals in place elsewhere in the UK and the potential benefits to the Council of an Edinburgh City Region Deal.

Councillor Berry questioned the involvement of Fife Council. Ms Wilson advised that the extent of Fife's involvement would be subject to discussion. The Chief Executive added that

Fife Council was also looking at a similar arrangement with Dundee, but that the process was at a very early stage.

Decision

The Council agreed to contribute £5,000 to support the development of a business case for an Edinburgh City Region Deal Infrastructure Fund.

12. STANDING ORDERS – ANNUAL REVIEW, 2014-12-15

A report was submitted by the Depute Chief Executive (Resources and People Services) seeking approval of proposed amendments to Appendix 1 (Scheme of Administration) and Appendix 2 (Scheme of Delegation) of the Council's Standing Orders.

The Service Manager – Legal and Procurement, Morag Ferguson, presented the report, reminding Members that, following the major revisions to Standing Orders in 2013, officers had undertaken to carry out an annual review and bring forward proposed amendments for approval.

Councillor Currie expressed concern that if the introduction of new charges for Council services were to be remitted to Cabinet, non-Cabinet members would have no opportunity to vote on such matters. Mrs Ferguson advised that Cabinet currently had the remit for approving policy and by implication the introduction of a new policy on charging would fall within that remit. She pointed out that the proposed inclusion of this point was merely to clarify where the responsibility currently lay with regard to charging for services, in that proposed new charges would be approved by Cabinet and changes to existing charges would be approved by Heads of Service, in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation. In response to Councillor Currie's concerns, Councillor Innes undertook that, for the remaining terms of this Administration, reports proposing the introduction of new charges would be brought to Council for decision.

In relation to the selection panels to appoint head teachers, Councillor Currie noted that the SNP had been represented on only three appointment panels since 2012 and called for greater cross-party involvement for future appointments.

Decision

The Council agreed to approve the proposed changes to Appendix 1 (Scheme of Administration) and Appendix 2 (Scheme of Administration) of the Council's Standing Orders, as set out in Sections 3.2–3.3 and Appendices 1 and 2 of the report.

13. SUBMISSIONS TO THE MEMBERS' LIBRARY, 14 OCTOBER – 3 DECEMBER 2014

A report was submitted by the Depute Chief Executive (Resources and People Services) advising Members of the reports submitted to the Members' Library since the last meeting of the Council.

Decision

The Council agreed to note the reports submitted to the Members' Library Services between 14 October and 3 December 2014, as listed in Appendix 1 to the report.

Sederunt: Councillors Berry, Caldwell, Goodfellow and McLennan left the meeting.

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS – EXEMPT INFORMATION

The Council unanimously agreed to exclude the public from the following business containing exempt information by virtue of Paragraph 6 (information concerning the financial or business affairs of any particular person other than the Authority) of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

Application to Musselburgh Common Good Committee

A private report seeking approval of an application for funding from Musselburgh Common Good Fund was approved by the Council.