



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EAST LoTHIAN COUNCIL

TUESDAY 25 JUNE 2019
COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HOUSE, HADDINGTON

Committee Members Present:

Provost J McMillan (Convener)	Councillor C Hoy
Councillor S Akhtar	Councillor W Innes
Councillor L Bruce	Councillor S Kempson
Councillor S Currie	Councillor G Mackett
Councillor F Dugdale	Councillor K Mackie
Councillor J Findlay	Councillor C McGinn
Councillor A Forrest	Councillor P McLennan
Councillor N Gilbert	Councillor K McLeod
Councillor J Goodfellow	Councillor F O'Donnell
Councillor N Hampshire	Councillor T Trotter
Councillor J Henderson	Councillor J Williamson

Council Officials Present:

Mrs A Leitch, Chief Executive
Mr A McCrorie, Depute Chief Executive (Resources and People Services)
Ms M Patterson, Depute Chief Executive (Partnerships and Community Services)
Mr J Lamond, Head of Council Resources
Mr D Proudfoot, Head of Development
Mr T Reid, Head of Infrastructure
Mrs F Robertson, Head of Education and Children's Services
Ms S Saunders, Head of Communities and Partnerships
Ms T Brown, Finance Business Partner
Mr P Currie, Strategic Planning and Performance Manager, Health & Social Care Partnership
Mr S Cooper, Team Manager – Communications
Ms L Craig, Finance Officer
Ms C Dora, Executive Officer
Ms S Fortune, Chief Operating Officer – Finance
Ms A-M Glancy, Principal Accountant (Financial)
Mr C Grilli, Service Manager – Legal & Procurement
Ms J Holland, Senior Solicitor
Mr M Lambert, Financial Accountant
Mr I McFarlane, Service Manager – Planning
Mr R Montgomery, Project Manager
Ms D Pringle, Corporate Accountant
Mr P Vestri, Service Manager – Corporate Policy and Improvement

Visitors Present:

Ms E Scoburgh, Audit Scotland

Clerk:

Mrs L Gillingwater

Apologies:

None

Declarations of Interest:

Councillor McLennan declared an interest in Item 7: East Lothian Local Development Plan 2018 – Supplementary Planning Guidance on Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS); and Countryside and Coast, on account of his employment status.

Councillor Forrest declared an interest in Item 13: Application to Musselburgh Common Good Committee, on account of his involvement with the organisation which had submitted the application.

Prior to the commencement of business, the Provost made reference to recent achievements by East Lothian residents, including: Scott Glynn, who had been awarded the MBE; Josh Taylor who had won boxing's IBF title; successes for Musselburgh Windsor FC and Tranent Juniors FC; Leah Hay (Participation Assistant for East Lothian Champions Board) who had won the Young Achiever of Year Award; and all those volunteers who had organised the county's gala days.

1. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

The minutes of the following meetings of East Lothian Council were approved: 12 February 2019, 26 February 2019 and 14 May 2019.

2. MINUTES FOR NOTING

The minutes of the Local Review Body (Planning) meeting of 21 February 2019 were noted.

3. 2018/19 END OF YEAR FINANCIAL REVIEW

A report was submitted by the Depute Chief Executive (Resources and People Services) informing the Council of the draft unaudited annual accounts and providing a review of the financial position for the financial year ending 31 March 2019 prior to the submission of the draft accounts for External Audit.

The Head of Council Resources, Jim Lamond, presented the report, explaining that the statutory external audit process was now underway, and that the financial statements attached to the report were unaudited and subject to change. He anticipated that Audit Scotland would present their Annual Report to the Audit & Governance Committee on 17 September, with their final report being presented to Council on 29 October.

Mr Lamond summarised the key aspects of the report, drawing attention to the continued overspend on the General Services budget of c. £1m. He informed Members of mitigating actions taken and also of review work undertaken in respect of Loans Fund Advances chargeable to General Services and the Housing Revenue Account (as outlined at Sections 3.9 to 3.11 of the report), and the Council's provisions in respect of Bad Debt. He further advised that General Services reserves had increased by almost £0.4m and that HRA reserves had increased by almost £0.7m; all of the Council's Trading Operations had

satisfied the statutory requirement to break even over a three-year rolling period; and the Council's pension liabilities had increased by £34m. Mr Lamond also highlighted the financial performance of individual services, increased capital spending, and borrowing levels (which were in line with the Council's approved Treasury and Financial Strategies). Mr Lamond concluded his presentation by pointing out that, despite ongoing efforts to deliver efficiencies and control costs, spending on services continued to exceed the approved budget, and he therefore stressed the importance of continued adherence to the Council's Financial Strategy.

Sarah Fortune, Chief Operating Officer for Finance, provided a summary of the key elements of the Council's accounts, which also included the wider Group components, such as Enjoy, MRAC, East Lothian Land Ltd, East Lothian Investments Ltd, the Brunton Theatre and the Integration Joint Board.

Councillor Currie welcomed the review of the Loans Fund, and asked if the Council would have to pay more interest on those loans which would now be repaid over a longer period. Mr Lamond explained this was not the case and that Treasury loans tended to be agreed on a fixed term period and an agreed fixed interest rate. He further advised that the key element of the review was concerned with the advances chargeable to the General Services and Housing Revenue Accounts. Ms Fortune confirmed that the review of the Loans Fund would not result in the life of loans being extended or a change in interest charges.

On the PPP contract, Councillor Currie asked if it would be cost-effective for the Council to buy out the contract, given the high level of interest charges. Mr Lamond advised that this had been considered but had not been progressed to date, noting that to vary the existing arrangements would require the support of the provider, whose financial outlook would be somewhat different to the Council's. He did point out, however, that work was ongoing as to how to best manage the prevailing contract conditions, also noting that should the Council ever look to buy out the contract, it may have an adverse impact on grant funding support received from the Scottish Government.

Councillor Akhtar asked for an update on the situation as regards Family Link Workers and Counselling Services for schools. Fiona Robertson, Head of Education and Children's Services, informed Members that a task force had been set up to look at the Counselling Service and how the funding would be allocated, and that on Family Link Workers, an audit of the roles of local authorities had been undertaken. She noted that by the end of 2019/20, each school should have a Family Link Worker.

Councillor Akhtar also asked about action taken to address the overspend in the Children's Wellbeing budget. Mr Lamond indicated that there had been an unprecedented growth in demand in this area, especially in relation to external placements. He noted that under direction from the Chief Executive, officers were considering how best to manage this issue moving forward.

Councillor O'Donnell questioned why the financial forecast for services delegated to the IJB had been so inaccurate. Mr Lamond accepted that there had been a significant variation between Quarter 3 and the end of the financial year, and although forward projecting and estimating always carried a degree of risk and uncertainty, he reassured Members that the underlying reasons would be examined more fully and processes would be reviewed in order that this situation was not repeated in future years.

In response to questions from Councillor Henderson, Mr Lamond advised that several other councils had already reviewed their Loans Funds relative to the statutory guidance, although East Lothian was likely to be one of only a few which might seek to do this within 2018/19 following the change in stance now being adopted by Audit Scotland. He also sought to reassure Members that the approach now adopted by East Lothian was indeed a more

prudent one, which he was comfortable and happy to recommend to the Council. On bad debt provision, he commended the work done by officers within Revenues and Welfare Support, who had secured very positive collection rates on the Council's main income streams.

Councillor Innes opened the debate by thanking Mr Lamond and his team for their work on the accounts. He warned that the Council was facing significant financial challenges, but welcomed the position as regards the Adult Wellbeing budget, and the review of the Loans Fund. He praised officers for their commitment and work in reopening the otherwise completed accounts to undertake this review, the result of which was a more positive financial position for the Council. His comments were echoed by Councillor Henderson, who also welcomed the quarterly financial review reports being presented to Council.

Councillor Currie commented that the report demonstrated the resilience of the Council and its ability to adapt. He shared Councillor O'Donnell's concerns in relation to the Adult Social Care budget forecast and he highlighted the need to ensure that shifting the balance of care was working for the community. He reiterated his concerns about the PPP contract interest payments, and called for this to be looked at. He also requested that provision for Mortgage to Rent applications should be reviewed, as this was not being utilised.

Councillor Akhtar welcomed the investment in school estate and the employment and training opportunities for young people. She made reference to a recent careers event at Queen Margaret University and to a recent positive inspection at Lothian Villa. She also paid tribute to the work of staff.

Councillor Hampshire stressed the need for the Council to identify additional income streams in order for the Council to meet future financial challenges.

On health and social care, Councillor O'Donnell advised that the IJB would be considering a five-year plan to meet the challenges ahead. She also noted that the new GP contract would soon be implemented.

Councillor Goodfellow welcomed the increase in government grant funding to support the new house building programme, confirming the Council's commitment to deliver new homes. He took account of the comments made by Councillor Currie as regards the Mortgage to Rent scheme.

Decision

The Council agreed:

- i. to approve the application of proposed variations to Loans Fund Advances following completion of the previously advised Loans Fund Review;
- ii. to note the draft annual accounts for 2018/19, and approve their submission to External Audit prior to the statutory deadline of 30 June 2019;
- iii. to note the draft financial results for 2018/19, including the impact on reserves and the Council's Financial Strategy; and
- iv. to authorise the Head of Council Resources, as the Council's Chief Finance Officer, to make any required late changes to the unaudited financial statements prior to final submission as referenced in Section 3.5 of the report.

4. REVIEW OF GOVERNANCE OF COMMON GOOD

A report was submitted by the Depute Chief Executive (Resources and People Services) reporting on progress of the Review of the Governance of Common Good and seeking approval to undertake further work.

The Head of Council Resources, Jim Lamond, presented the report, advising that a project team had been formed to take forward the review. He pointed out that, as the creation of a Common Good asset register was now a statutory requirement, it had been agreed to prioritise the identification of all Common Good assets and assess the condition of such properties. It was proposed that a solicitor and surveyor be appointed to carry out this work, at a cost of c. £40,000 - £50,000 (provision for which had been made in the Common Good budgets proposed within a later item on today's agenda). Mr Lamond proposed that further review work would be required once the aforementioned work had been completed.

Mr Lamond responded to a number of questions from Members, advising that the Council had previously paid for maintenance work that should more properly have been charged to the Common Good. On governance, he accepted that the review had not progressed as quickly as anticipated due to complexities surrounding Common Good, and that recently the asset aspect of the work had been prioritised; a further report bringing back findings on the wider review and proposals on governance would be presented to Members in due course. He indicated that there was legislative provision for the involvement of Community Councils, Area Partnerships and other bodies in the use of Common Good assets. As regards the Common Good boundaries, Members were advised that this would be looked at as part of the review. He anticipated that it would not be possible to report back fully to Members in August on the governance issues, and that it was unlikely that the wider review would be completed before the end of 2019; however, he undertook to provide an update to Members before the end of the year.

Councillor Goodfellow opened the debate by expressing concern about the governance arrangements for Common Good funds. He noted that the report recommendations were concerned only with assets, and therefore proposed an amendment, by way an additional recommendation. The Provost agreed to accept the request to put forward the amendment, despite it not being submitted in accordance with Standing Orders. The proposed amendment was as follows:

Council agrees that, in consultation with Members, a report on the governance of Common Good funds, and any recommendations for improvements to the management of the funds, be brought forward to the next Council meeting, in order to address the concerns of Council.

Councillor Hampshire seconded the proposed amendment.

Mr Lamond committed to bringing forward an update report to the next Council meeting, but warned that he could not guarantee that proposals on the way forward would be included in that report, given the timescales involved. He also highlighted the practical difficulties in progressing this matter during the summer recess period.

With reference to the motion on the Scheme of Administration for Common Good Committees (Item 9 on the agenda), and the associated amendment, Councillor Mackie suggested that it may be better to continue this to a future meeting. Councillor Currie agreed that it would not be appropriate to progress the motion at this meeting, given that a report on governance matters would come to Council in August. On the use of Common Good funding, he stressed the importance of spending the money for the benefit of the community, and suggested that it would be helpful to have a capital plan for Common Good assets in order to ensure that improvements to assets were carried out. On the issue of Trusts,

Councillor Currie highlighted the difficulties for people in accessing those funds and called for officers to look at ways of making those monies more accessible. Mr Lamond reported that work on Trusts was progressing well and that a report on this would come forward before the end of 2019.

Councillor Mackie welcomed the work on the review, and suggested that a Common Good strategic plan should be drawn up to ensure that Common Good monies were being used for community benefit.

The Provost reiterated that an update on the review would be presented to Council in August, and that the review would be concluded by the end of 2019. In response to a suggestion by Councillor Innes, the Chief Executive agreed that cross-party input to the review would be useful, and she would establish a group over the summer recess.

Decision

The Council agreed:

- i. to delegate authority to officers to employ a surveyor to carry out a repairing survey on all currently listed Common Good Assets and to prepare a schedule of repairs and maintenance required that could then be included in the Common Good budget-setting process to ensure that all such assets are kept in a good state of repair;
- ii. that the fees and associated costs of said surveyor should be met from the Common Good Funds proportionately based on the value of the Common Good Funds for each of the four Common Good areas, namely Musselburgh, Haddington, North Berwick and Dunbar;
- iii. that Legal and Procurement should undertake an exercise to determine by examination of title deeds, etc. whether those properties that currently appear on the list of Common Good Assets are correctly so listed and whether any other properties or other assets owned by the Council should be added to the list;
- iv. that the cost of either outsourcing this work to a legal firm or employing a solicitor on a temporary basis at Grade 9 for a period of six months to carry out this work is proportionately met by the Common Good Funds, as at (ii) above;
- v. that a Register of Common Good Assets be established, maintained and published to fulfil the legal requirements of Section 102 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 (CESA), including a full public consultation; and
- vi. that, in consultation with Members, an update report on the governance of Common Good funds, and any recommendations for improvements to the management of the funds, be brought forward to the next Council meeting, in order to address the concerns of Council.

5. COMMON GOOD FUNDS – BUDGET 2019/20 TO 2021/22

A report was submitted by the Depute Chief Executive (Resources and People Services) seeking approval of the budgets for the Dunbar, Haddington, Musselburgh and North Berwick Common Good Funds for 2019/20 to 2021/22.

The Head of Council Resources, Jim Lamond, presented the report, drawing Members' attention to the accumulated funds for each Common Good Fund and the proposed budgets for 2019/20 to 2021/22. He also highlighted repair work required at Fisherrow Harbour

(Musselburgh) and Haddington Town House, which would impact on those Common Good budgets/rental income.

A number of questions were raised by Members. They were advised that 'repairs and maintenance' referred to ongoing issues rather than major refurbishments, and were confined to existing Common Good assets. On the repairs to Haddington Town House, Tom Reid, Head of Infrastructure, advised that he would provide detail on the extent of these works. Mr Lamond agreed that the grant award limit of £10,000 delegated to Common Good Committees could be considered as part of the Common Good Review.

Councillor Currie thanked finance officers for their assistance, remarking that the Common Good funds provided grants to community organisations that may not be able to access funds from other sources, and also allowed for small business start-ups.

Decision

The Council agreed:

- i. to note the financial results for 2018/19 on each of the Common Good Funds; and
- ii. to approve the 2019/20 to 2021/22 Common Good budgets, as set out in Appendices 1a-1d of the report.

6. REVISION OF THE INTEGRATION SCHEME FOR EAST Lothian INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer, East Lothian Integration Joint Board (IJB), informing the Council of a necessary revision to the Integration Scheme for the East Lothian Integration Joint Board.

Paul Currie, Strategic Planning and Performance Manager for the Health and Social Care Partnership, presented the report, informing Members of the requirement to revise the Integration Scheme to take account of the Carers Act. He noted that the changes had been approved by the IJB on 28 March and by NHS Lothian on 6 April. He added that a comprehensive review of the Integration Scheme would be required in 2024.

Councillor O'Donnell welcomed the engagement on the revisions with carers and carers' groups.

Decision

The Council agreed:

- i. to note that as a result of the introduction of the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016, East Lothian Integration Joint Board has been required to revise its Integration Scheme;
- ii. to accept the revised Integration Scheme for East Lothian Integration Joint Board, which has been published in the Members' Library (Ref: 89/19, June 2019 Bulletin), and which was approved by NHS Lothian on 6 April and supported by the Integration Joint Board on 28 March 2019 (approval by the Health Board and the Council was required before the revised Scheme could be submitted to the Scottish Government for final approval); and
- iii. to note that on approval of the revised Integration Scheme, the date for a comprehensive review of the Scheme would be extended to 2024. In the event of

any relevant legislation changing, there may be a need to further revise the Integration Scheme.

7. EAST LOTHIAL LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2018 – SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE ON SUSTAINABLE DRAINAGE SYSTEMS; AND COUNTRYSIDE AND COAST

A report was submitted by the Depute Chief Executive (Partnerships and Community Services seeking approval of the Supplementary Planning Guidance on Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS), which has recently been subject to consultation, and seeking approval for consultation purposes of draft Supplementary Planning Guidance on the Countryside and Coast, noting that both documents had been prepared as supporting information to the East Lothian Local Development Plan 2018 (LDP).

Sederunt: having declared an interest, Councillor McLennan left the meeting for the duration of this item.

The Service Manager – Planning, Iain McFarlane, presented the report, advising Members of the consultation process for the Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) on SuDS. He drew particular attention to issues surrounding the future maintenance of SuDS facilities, noting that the SPG would require to be updated to reflect any changes approved by Council. On the Countryside and Coast SPG, he advised that this would be subject to public consultation during the summer and a report seeking approval of this SPG would be submitted to Council in early autumn.

Mr McFarlane responded to a number of questions in relation to the Countryside and Coast SPG, particularly as regards the coalescence of settlements and special landscape areas. He referred Members to the LDP Maps, which had undergone a rigorous process of assessment and examination prior to approval by the Reporter. He did point out, however, that such areas could be reviewed through the next LDP process.

On the maintenance of SuDS, Mr McFarlane urged caution at the suggestion that the Council could adopt existing SuDS that were considered to be unsatisfactory. However, where there was an agreement between the Council and Scottish Water to take on the maintenance of SuDS, a Memorandum of Understanding would be required, with the Council taking responsibility for the above-ground element and Scottish Water taking responsibility for the underground element. In response to a suggestion as regards the use of a Section 75 Agreement for the maintenance of SuDS, Mr McFarlane indicated that such agreements were used to cover capital costs rather than ongoing maintenance costs.

Decision

The Council agreed:

- i. to note the responses from the public consultation on the draft Supplementary Planning Guidance: Sustainable Drainage Systems (attached as Appendix 1 to the report);
- ii. to approve and adopt the draft Supplementary Planning Guidance: Sustainable Drainage Systems (attached as Appendix 2 to the report);
- iii. to provide the Service Manager – Planning with delegated authority to revise the wording of the document at a later date to reflect the Council's future decision on the Section 7 process; and

- iv. to approve for public consultation the draft Countryside and Coast Supplementary Planning Guidance (available in the Members' Library, Ref: 88/19, June 2019 Bulletin).

8. SUMMER RECESS ARRANGEMENTS 2019

A report was submitted by the Depute Chief Executive (Resources and People Services) advising Members of the arrangements for dealing with urgent Council business during the summer recess 2019.

Decision

The Council agreed:

- i. to approve the application of the recess business arrangements, in accordance with Standing Order 15.5, effective from the close of this meeting until the Council meeting of 27 August 2019 (as outlined at Section 3.1 of the report); and
- ii. to note that a summary of business carried out during the recess period would be brought to the Council meeting of 27 August 2019, and that copies of all reports approved during the recess period would be lodged in the Members' Library.

Sederunt: Councillor McLennan returned to the meeting.

9. NOTICE OF MOTION – AMENDMENT TO SCHEME OF ADMINISTRATION: COMMON GOOD COMMITTEES

With the agreement of Councillors Currie and Williamson, who had submitted the motion, and of Councillor Mackie, who had submitted an amendment to the motion, the Council agreed to continue the motion pending an officer report on the governance of Common Good.

10. NOTICE OF MOTION – AMENDMENT TO SCHEME OF ADMINISTRATION: CABINET

A motion was submitted to the Council by Councillors Currie and Williamson seeking to amend the Scheme of Administration to the Standing Orders of East Lothian Council in relation to the Membership of Cabinet by adding a new sentence at B1 [after 'The membership of the Cabinet shall include a Convener and, if desired, a Depute Convener. The Council shall determine the membership of the Cabinet']:

In appointing councillors to the Cabinet, the Council shall seek to achieve political balance. In the event that this cannot be achieved, the Council may adjust the membership of the Cabinet by way of reducing the number of places on the Committee, or by appointing members of any political group/independent councillors to the vacant places.

Councillor Currie proposed the motion, explaining that in a number of other Scottish local authorities, especially those with minority administrations, the Cabinet reflected the political balance of the Council. However, in East Lothian this was not the case, where the Administration had 42% of the seats on Council, but 100% of the seats on Cabinet. He also pointed out that Musselburgh was not represented at all on Cabinet. He argued that this

situation demonstrated that there was a democratic deficit. He made reference to other Council committees where the membership was politically proportionate and where Members of all parties could move motions/amendments, register their dissent and vote on matters under consideration. He also mentioned a number of important items of business that had been submitted to Cabinet which, in his view, may not have been approved if the membership was representative of the Council. He recalled that in 2007 (when there was an SNP/Liberal Democrat coalition in Administration), the Leader of the Opposition had been offered a seat on Cabinet, which he had turned down. He called on Members to support his motion, which he believed to be the best way forward and in line with other local authorities, as well as reflecting the will of the electorate. He concluded by indicating that if his motion was not successful, the Council should reconsider its governance structures.

Councillor Gilbert seconded the motion, echoing the points made by Councillor Currie.

Councillor Innes pointed out that he had not accepted a position on Cabinet in 2007 because he believed that it was the Administration's job to deal with the day-to-day business of the Council and should be held to account for that at Council and the scrutiny committees.

Councillor Henderson noted that the Conservative Group had agreed to the structure and composition of Cabinet in 2017 and, as the official Opposition, her Group had effective means by which to oppose the Administration. She added that her Group preferred to engage with the Administration in order to best serve the East Lothian community, and that the current decision-making structure was working. She was therefore opposed to making the changes proposed in the motion.

Councillor O'Donnell made reference to a recent Audit Scotland report which had praised the Council's governance structures, but which had also criticised one political group for not engaging in the governance process.

Councillor McLennan questioned why the Council would not support political proportionality on Cabinet when other councils, such as Glasgow and Falkirk, had already adopted this approach. He claimed that the Conservative Group was turning down the opportunity to influence decisions. Councillor Hoy responded, observing that the minority Administration in the Scottish Parliament had not invited opposition MSPs to join Cabinet. He also argued that through engagement with the Administration, the Conservative Group in East Lothian had influenced decisions, thereby reflecting the wishes of the electorate.

Councillor Akhtar disputed the claim that there was a democratic deficit by not having opposition Members on Cabinet, as Members could influence important issues at Council and also that Cabinet often dealt with issues that were a result of budget decisions taken by Council.

Summing up, Councillor Currie advised that no Scottish Parliament committees had a majority of SNP MSPs. He also maintained that too many decisions were being taken by Cabinet or on behalf of Cabinet, and that he was concerned that Musselburgh did not have any representation on Cabinet at all. He was critical of the Conservative Group's stance on this issue, citing it as a 'missed opportunity', and remarking that the position did not reflect the will of the people of East Lothian.

The Provost moved to the vote on the motion, as proposed by Councillor Currie and seconded by Councillor Gilbert. Councillor Currie requested that the vote be taken by roll call, the result of which was follows:

For: Councillors Currie, Gilbert, McLennan, McLeod, Trotter and Williamson

Against: Councillors Akhtar, Bruce, Dugdale, Findlay, Forrest, Goodfellow, Innes, Hampshire, Henderson, Hoy, Kempson, Mackett, Mackie, McGinn, McMillan, O'Donnell

Abstentions: none

The motion therefore fell.

11. SUBMISSIONS TO THE MEMBERS' LIBRARY, 12 FEBRUARY – 10 JUNE 2019

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.

Councillor Goodfellow highlighted a number of reports in the Library, particularly the Partnership Funding report, which detailed £3.7m of grant funding to third sector and community organisations, and which would make a significant difference to the lives and wellbeing of communities across East Lothian. Councillor Currie asked if this report could come to committee in future in order for Members to discuss the proposals. Councillor Goodfellow invited Councillor Currie to raise any issues in the report with him.

Decision

The Council agreed to note the reports submitted to the Members' Library Services between 12 February and 10 June 2019, as listed in Appendix 1 to the report.

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.

Cockenzie Power Station Site

A private report by the Depute Chief Executive (Partnerships and Community Services) updating the Council on progress as regards the site of the former Cockenzie Power Station was approved.

Application to Musselburgh Common Good Committee

A private report by the Depute Chief Executive (Resources and People Services) seeking determination of an application for funding received by the Musselburgh Common Good Committee was approved, with grant funding of £20,000 being awarded to the Musselburgh Sea Cadets.