Midlothian Moving Forward

Community Planning for Midlothian

Community Planning Partnership Emergency Meeting

Virtual via Teams Wednesday 30 September 2021 at 1pm

PRESENT:

J Muirhead P Curtis D McCallum A Lang A Stewart-Kmicha G Clark C Johnstone K MacDiarmid **G** Vickers D Oliver D Alexander C-A Graham S Gourley A Clinkscales J Tranent J Sherval K Anderson M Barrow J Lay-Douglas A Cumberford F Robertson L Kelly

APOLOGIES:

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	Agenda	Action
	Welcome	
	Jim Muirhead welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
1	Present/Apologies	
	As noted above	
2	Concurrent Risk Management: Autumn and Winter	
	With having the problems regarding the fuel "shortages" for vehicles and the prices of domestic fuel rising, plans have been put in place as Midlothian Council is classed as a first responder.	
	There has been a welcome drop in the number of cases of Covid in Midlothian and hopefully it will continue.	
	As with the first lockdown staff have again volunteered for to be redeployed into jobs that are different to their usual jobs if the need arises. Midlothian Council as an authority is not affected at the moment by monetary risks.	

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	Land Services staff will be reallocated to deal with winter services e.g. filling grit bins, clearing roads/paths etc. as required.	
	Members of the public will be able to look on the Council website and be able to locate where their nearest grit bin is located by using GPS. They can then click on it and request that it be filled etc. This is not up and running as yet but it is hoped it will be in the near future.	
	The Council has acquired two new mini plough tractors to help clear the paths in and around Midlothian.	
3/4	Issues due to Covid 19/Care at Home Team	
	Health and Social Care have been extremely busy over the pandemic and has been very difficult due to staff retention, self-isolating, illness and wellbeing of staff.	
5	Update on Schools	
	Guidelines were revised for schools on 9 August 2021. This includes limiting the amount of adults that are in schools, social distancing for adults in schools and social distancing for children in dinner hall.	
	Students are now back on college campus and there has not been the expected spike in the amount of Covid infections.	
6	Update on Vaccination Roll Out Programme	
	65,000 of the population of Midlothian has now had double vaccinations.	
	Flu vaccinations have started to be administered and the booster Covid vaccines have also been started. The booster vaccines will either be Pfizer or Maderna, it does not matter what your first two vaccines were. These vaccinations should be completed by Christmas. As in the previous two Covid vaccinations it will be levels 1-9 who will get their vaccine first then everyone over the age of 50. There is no indication as yet that the under 50's will be getting a booster vaccine.	
	Vaccines for 16-17 year olds are continuing and vaccines have started to be administered for the age group 12-15 year olds.	
7	Any Other Business	
	Two quotes have been received to digitally host the conference in November 2021. The community planning development worker post has been advertised.	
	Date of next meeting - Thursday 18 November 2021 10am, MS Teams	