



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
EDUCATION & CHILDREN'S SERVICES PPRP**

**TUESDAY 15 APRIL 2008
CONFERENCE ROOMS 1&2, JOHN MUIR HOUSE, HADDINGTON**

Committee Members Present:

Ms M Libberton (Chair)
Mr L Broun-Lindsay
Mr J Caldwell
Mr S MacKinnon
Mr J Williamson

Other Councillors Present:

Mr J McNeil

Council Officials Present:

Mr D Ledingham, Acting Director of Education and Children's Services
Mr A Ross, Head of Children's Services
Ms G McMillan, Children's Services Development Manager
Mr A Strickland, Policy Officer
Ms F Stewart, Committees Assistant

Clerk:

Ms A Smith

Visitors Present:

None

Apologies:

None

Prior to commencement of business Margaret Libberton welcomed Councillor McNeil and Fiona Stewart to the meeting.

1. MINUTE OF MEETING OF EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES PPRP OF 18 MARCH 2008

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 March 2008 were agreed to be a true record.

Matters Arising

Residential Unit Visit/June PPRP meeting

It was agreed that members would visit Lothian Villa on 17 June 2008 at 2pm. The PPRP would take place after the visit, commencing at 2.30pm and would be held at the Musselburgh East Community Learning Centre.

Looked After and Accommodated Children

Margaret Libberton, referred to previous discussion and in particular to the cluster of children at both ends of the age spectrum, and asked if the older group of children tended to comprise the same children from the younger age group. Alan Ross advised that there instances of children, particularly during the school years S2/3/4, coming to the Authority's attention for the first time, on the other hand there were some children who had been in local authority care who had successfully moved on from earlier difficulties and been able to leave local authority care. He stated that generally children who had experienced severe difficulties in early years did tend to require local authority assistance in later years.

2. SWIA INSPECTION 2007

Alan Ross presented a report on the SWIA Inspection and members discussed the issues.

3. DISSEMINATION LEVEL OF REPORTS AND MINUTES

Alan Ross advised that the SWIA report and action plan would be going to a future meeting of the Council and that he would therefore appreciate if the report and minute could be kept private at the moment.

Decision

The Panel agreed that the SWIA report and minute should be kept private.