



West Lothian
Council

Council Executive

West Lothian Civic Centre
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24 July 2015

A Special meeting of the **Council Executive** of West Lothian Council will be held within **Council Chambers, West Lothian Civic Centre, Livingston** on **Wednesday 29 July 2015 at 10:00 a.m.**

On behalf of the Chief Executive

BUSINESS

Public Items for Decision

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Order of Business
3. Declarations of Interest - Members should declare any financial and non-financial interests they have in the items of business for consideration at the meeting, identifying the relevant agenda item and the nature of their interest.
4. Paediatric Services at St John's Hospital - Report by Chief Executive (herewith)

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**Mr Graham Hope
Chief Executive
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Dear Graham

I am calling a special meeting of Council Executive, under Standing Order 5, to deal with the following item of business:-

- Paediatrics Unit – St John's Hospital

Grateful if you could make the necessary arrangements and confirm the date and time of the meeting.

Yours sincerely

**Councillor John McGinty
Leader of the Council**



COUNCIL EXECUTIVE

PAEDIATRIC SERVICES AT ST JOHN'S HOSPITAL

REPORT BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To advise Council Executive of the reduction in Paediatric Services at St John's Hospital in Livingston during the summer of 2015.

B. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council Executive:

1. Notes the reduction in Paediatric Services which have been operating at St John's Hospital over the summer period in 2015; and
2. Decides what action should be taken by the Council in relation to this issue.

C. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

I Council Values	Focusing on our customers' needs; being honest, open and accountable; working in partnership
II Policy and Legal (including Strategic Environmental Assessment, Equality Issues, Health or Risk Assessment)	None
III Implications for Scheme of Delegations to Officers	None
IV Impact on performance and performance Indicators	None
V Relevance to Single Outcome Agreement	None
VI Resources - (Financial, Staffing and Property)	None
VII Consideration at PDSP	None
VIII Other consultations	Not required

D. TERMS OF REPORT

NHS Lothian implemented a reduced service in Paediatric Services at St John's Hospital to meet anticipated staffing pressures over July and August 2015 which commenced on Friday 3 July 2015.

The council has written to the Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Sport in relation to this issue to convey the council's concern and opposition to this move and also to seek an assurance that the service will return to a normal and fully operational service in August.

At a meeting of the St John's Hospital Stakeholder Group on 22 July 2015, NHS Lothian were unable to provide an undertaking that regular services at the Paediatric Unit will resume again following the reduction of services which were implemented earlier this month.

E. CONCLUSION

The Council is asked to note the reduction in Paediatric Services which have been operating at St John's Hospital over the summer period in 2015, and also to decide what action should be taken by the Council in relation to this issue.

F. BACKGROUND REFERENCES

None.

Appendices/Attachments: None.

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Graham Hope
Chief Executive

Date of meeting: 29 July 2015