

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton G82 3PU

6 April 2006

MEETING: SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

**WEDNESDAY, 12 APRIL 2006
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS
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DUMBARTON**

Dear Member

Please attend a Meeting of the **Social Justice Committee** to be held in the Council Chambers, Municipal Buildings, Station Road, Dumbarton on Wednesday, 12 April 2006 at 10.00 a.m.

The business is as shown on the enclosed agenda.

Yours faithfully

TIM HUNTINGFORD

Chief Executive

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Chief Executive
Director of Education and Cultural Services
Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services
Acting Director of Social Work Services

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AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Submit, for approval as a correct record, Minutes of Meeting of the Social Justice Committee held on 8 February 2006.

3. PRESENTATION ON INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

A presentation will be given by Mr Bobby Jones, Health Improvement Officer, Mr Lewis Morrison, Policy and Development Officer (Disability and Access) and Ms Miriam McKenna, Policy and Development Officer (Diversity) on Integrated Impact Assessment.

4. HOME CARE SERVICE PROVISION – ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS

Submit report by the Acting Director of Social Work Services advising of the effect of the recent heavy snowfall on home care service provision and the actions taken to ensure essential services to vulnerable clients were maintained.

5. INTERIM SINGLE SHARED ASSESSMENT AND CARE MANAGEMENT POLICY

Submit report by the Acting Director of Social Work Services providing information on Social Work Services Department's Interim Single Shared Assessment and Care Management Policy and advising of the need to develop and implement clear eligibility criteria for community care services.

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6. SUPPORTING PEOPLE – SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE STATISTICAL BULLETIN

Submit report by the Acting Director of Social Work Services providing information on the Supporting People statistics for West Dunbartonshire Council and for Scotland as a whole.

7. CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT POLICY

Submit report by the Acting Director of Social Work Services providing information on the development of a policy for Continuing Professional Development within the Social Work Service.

8. WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE DOMESTIC ABUSE PARTNERSHIP (WDDAP)

Submit report by the Acting Director of Social Work Services advising of the success of the West Dunbartonshire Domestic Abuse Partnership (WDDAP) in securing funding through the Scottish Executive's Violence Against Women and Children's Services Fund. The report also provides an update on some of the achievements of WDDAP over the period 2001/2006.

9. 21ST CENTURY SOCIAL WORK REVIEW – "CHANGING LIVES"

Submit report by the Acting Director of Social Work Services advising of the outcome of the 21st Century Social Work Review and outlining the Scottish Executive's plans to deliver the review's implementation.

10. SOCIAL WORK GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

Submit report by the Acting Director of Social Work Services providing an update of the grants position for 2005/2006 since the Meeting of the Social Justice Committee of 8 February 2006.

11. REQUEST BY CORDALE HOUSING ASSOCIATION LIMITED TO PURCHASE LEVEN COTTAGE, 52 MAIN STREET, ALEXANDRIA

Submit joint report by Acting Director of Social Work Services and the Director of Housing, Regeneration & Environmental Services advising of a request from Cordale Housing Association Limited to purchase Leven Cottage, 52 Main Street, Alexandria from the Council.

12. HOUSING AND COUNCIL TAX BENEFIT STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Submit report by the Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services providing an update on Housing and Council Tax Benefit performance to the end of December 2005.

13. STATISTICAL INFORMATION: WAITING LIST, VOIDS, LETS & HOMELESS

Submit report by the Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services providing statistical information in relation to the waiting list for West Dunbartonshire Council houses, the reasons for termination of tenancies and the void and lets position as at 24 February 2006.

14. CASH COLLECTION FACILITY – DUMBARTON AREA HOUSING OFFICE

Submit report by the Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services seeking approval for the closure of the cash collection facility at Dumbarton Area Housing Office, College Way, Dumbarton.

15. LOCK UP REVIEW

Submit report by the Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services seeking approval to demolish 198 lock ups across West Dunbartonshire.

16. PROPOSED T-MOBILE INSTALLATION

Submit report by the Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services providing information on an enquiry received from T-Mobile UK Ltd for permission to conduct a survey in the Mountblow area of Clydebank for the purpose of identifying, acquiring and building telecommunications installations.

17. AUDIT SCOTLAND – DRAFT REVIEW OF TRADING ACCOUNTS 2004/2005

Submit report by the Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services providing information on the recent actions taken by Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services to complete the department's input to the corrective action plan developed to address the issues raised by Audit Scotland in their Draft Report on the Review of Trading Accounts.

18. 2005/2006 HRA CAPITAL PROGRAMME UPDATE

Submit report by the Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services providing an update on the progress made against those specific HRA Capital budgets where the Director of Housing and Technical Services was given delegated authority to identify projects in consultation with the Housing Convener.

19. PERFORMANCE REPORT

Submit report by the Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services providing information on the performance of areas within the housing service. The report contains information on Statutory Performance Indicators for the third quarter of 2005/2006 and the Department's programme of Best Value Reviews for the housing service.

20. HOUSE SALES

Submit report by the Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services providing information on West Dunbartonshire Council houses sold under the Right to Buy scheme between 1 April 2005 and 28 February 2006.

21. ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR SURVEY

Submit report by the Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services providing information on the results of an anti social behaviour survey carried out in September 2005.

22. ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR: STRATHCLYDE POLICE

Submit report by the Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services seeking approval to provide Scottish Executive anti-social behaviour funding to Strathclyde Police to support initiatives to tackle anti social behaviour.

23. FOLLOW UP REVIEW OF HOUSING RENTS SYSTEM

Submit report by the Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services advising of the progress being made in addressing the issues raised by Audit Scotland in their audit of the Housing Rents System.

**24. HRA CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2005/2006 BUDGETARY CONTROL
REPORT TO 15 MARCH 2006 (PERIOD 11)**

Submit report by the Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services advising on the progress of the HRA Capital Programme 2005/2006.

25. UPGRADE OF INTEGRATED HOUSING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Submit report by the Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services seeking approval for the purchase of software to upgrade the current Integrated Housing Management System.

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