

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**  
Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton G82 3PU

1 November 2007

**MEETING:           HOUSING, ENVIRONMENT & ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY, 7 NOVEMBER 2007  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
CLYDEBANK TOWN HALL  
DUMBARTON ROAD  
CLYDEBANK**

Dear Member

Please attend a Meeting of the **Housing, Environment and Economic Development Committee** to be held in the Council Chambers, Clydebank Town Hall, Dumbarton Road, Clydebank on Wednesday, 7 November 2007 at 10.00 a.m.

The business is as shown on the enclosed agenda.

Yours faithfully

**DAVID MCMILLAN**

Chief Executive

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**AGENDA**

**1. APOLOGIES**

**2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Submit, for approval as a correct record, Minutes of Meeting of the Housing, Environment and Economic Development Committee held on 5 September 2007.

**3. FINANCIAL REPORT 2007/2008 TO 15 SEPTEMBER 2007 (PERIOD 5)**

Submit report by the Acting Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development (Land and Environment) providing an update on the financial performance of the Housing, Environmental and Economic Development Department to 15 September 2007 (Period 5).

**4. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT 2007/2008 BUDGETARY CONTROL STATEMENT TO 15 SEPTEMBER 2007 (PERIOD 5)**

Submit report by the Acting Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development (Housing and Regeneration Services) providing an update on the financial performance of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) to the period ended 15 September 2007. Budgetary control statements for the HRA are also presented to Council to allow Members to monitor performance.

**5. HRA CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2007/2008 BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT TO 15 SEPTEMBER 2007 (PERIOD 5)**

Submit report by the Acting Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development (Housing and Regeneration Services) advising on the progress of the HRA Capital Programme 2007/2008. Budgetary control statements for the HRA Capital Programme are also presented to Council to allow Members to monitor performance.

**6. THE 100 PIPERS ROYAL SCOTTISH PIPE BAND CHAMPIONSHIPS 2007**

Submit report by the Acting Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development (Land and Environment) advising of the outcome of the 2007 Royal Scottish Pipe Band Championships and the associated costs of the event.

**7. THE LOCH LOMOND HIGHLAND GAMES 2007**

Submit report by the Acting Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development (Land and Environment) advising of the outcome of the 2007 Loch Lomond Highland Games (LLHG) and seeking approval of a formal agreement between the Council and the LLHG committee which will secure the staging of the games in 2008, 2009 and 2010 and help develop the potential of this prestigious event.

**8. EVENTS AND HALLS SECTION: EVENTS – 2008 AND BEYOND**

Submit report by the Acting Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development (Land and Environment) advising of the 2008 programme of events planned by the Events and Halls Section of the department of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development and seeking views on a number of large scale events, both current and possible, to provide a planning framework for the Council's Events Strategy over the coming years.

**9. ASSOCIATION FOR PUBLIC SERVICE EXCELLENCE (APSE) – SERVICE AWARDS 2007**

Submit report by the Acting Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development (Land and Environment) advising of the Association for Public Service Excellence (APSE) Award achieved by the Catering Services team within the Facilities Management Section.

**10. 'LIVE ACTIVE' – WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE'S REVISED GP REFERRAL SCHEME**

Submit report by the Acting Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development (Land and Environment) advising of the new GP Referral scheme being launched in West Dunbartonshire in January 2008.

**11. AYR FLOWER SHOW**

Submit report by the Acting Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development (Land and Environment) advising of the successful municipal display by the Council's Grounds Maintenance Section at the 47<sup>th</sup> Ayr Flower Show which was held on 3 - 5 August 2007.

**12. KILBOWIE LAND REMEDIATION PROJECT**

Submit report by the Acting Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economical Development (Land and Environment) providing an update on progress with a project to remediate a large area of land adjacent to the A82 at Kilbowie Roundabout, and to return the land to public use.

**13. FLOOD PREVENTION – KNOWLE BURN AND GRUGGIES BURN UPDATE**

Submit report by the Acting Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development (Land and Environment) providing an update on the progress of the ongoing work to develop flood prevention schemes for Knowle Burn and Gruggies Burn, Dumbarton.

**14. WINTER MAINTENANCE STRATEGY – 2007**

Submit report by the Acting Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development (Land and Environment) apprising of the Council's statutory obligations under Section 34 of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 and seeking approval of the Winter Maintenance Strategy – 2007 appended to the report.

**15. HOUSE SALES**

Submit report by the Acting Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development (Housing and Regeneration Services) providing information on West Dunbartonshire Council houses sold under the Right to Buy scheme between 1 April 2007 and 30 September 2007.

**16. PROPOSED SALE OF FLATS AT 153 MAIN STREET, RENTON**

Submit report by the Acting Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development (Housing and Regeneration Services) seeking approval to take the necessary action to dispose of five flats at 153 Main Street, Renton.

**17. REMEDIAL PLAN FOR HOUSING MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

Submit report by the Acting Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development (Housing and Regeneration Services) providing an update on the progress of the remedial plan for housing management services.

**18. STATISTICAL INFORMATION: WAITING LIST, VOIDS, LETS AND HOMELESS**

Submit report by the Acting Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development (Housing and Regeneration Services) providing statistical information in relation to the waiting list for West Dunbartonshire Council (WDC) houses, the reasons for termination of tenancies and the void and lettings position as at 30 September 2007.

**19. ESTATE AUDITS – PROGRESS REPORT**

Submit report by the Acting Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development (Housing and Regeneration Services) providing an update on the progress in the implementation of DIP and Workflow for the management and reporting of information in relation to the outcomes of the Estate Audit process.

## **20. FUTURE OF SCOTLAND'S ENTERPRISE NETWORKS**

Submit report by the Acting Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development (Housing and Regeneration Services) advising of the recent announcement by the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth, John Swinney, in relation to the proposed structures and mechanisms to be employed to support the implementation of the Scottish Government's economic strategy for Scotland.

## **21. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS SUPPORT PROGRAMMES**

Submit report by the Acting Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development (Housing and Regeneration Services) informing of the business activity which has been generated through the Council's business support programmes and delivered by the Economic Development Section of the Department of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development during the last financial year.

## **22. CHILDCARE INTERMEDIATE LABOUR MARKET PROGRAMME**

Submit report by the Acting Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development (Housing and Regeneration Services) providing an update on the progress of the Childcare Intermediate Labour Market (ILM) programme taken over by West Dunbartonshire Council's Skillseekers Section when the original Provider One Plus went into liquidation.

## **23. SKILLSEEKERS TRAINING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE: "CREATE" - A LOCAL INITIATIVE**

Submit report by the Acting Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development (Housing and Regeneration Services) providing an update on the progress of a local training initiative "Create". This initiative has been designed to reduce the number of young people Not in Employment, Education or Training (NEET).

**24. PERFORMANCE OF THE HOUSING MAINTENANCE TRADING OPERATION DURING 2006/2007**

Submit report by the Acting Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development (Housing and Regeneration Services) providing an update on the performance of the Housing Maintenance Trading Operation against desired outcomes and objectives for 2006/2007 as detailed within the Housing Maintenance Business Plan for the years 2004 – 2007.

**25. PROPOSED UPGRADE OF HOUSING REPAIRS DEPOT AT COCHNO STREET, CLYDEBANK**

Submit report by the Acting Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development (Housing and Regeneration Services) seeking approval for an allocation of capital funding from the 2007/2008 HRA Capital Plan to fund the essential upgrade of the Housing Repairs depot at Cochno Street, Clydebank for reasons of health and safety, employee welfare and customer service.

**26. KITCHEN PROGRAMME OF WORKS**

Submit report by the Acting Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development (Housing and Regeneration Services) providing an update on progress on the Kitchen Programme of Works.

**27. ASSET MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**

Submit report by the Acting Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development (Housing and Regeneration Services):-

- (a) informing of the actions being taken to deliver a strategic approach to asset management;
- (b) providing an update on the progress and planned programme for the major asset management priorities; and
- (c) requesting the nomination of an Elected Member designated to ensure that asset management considerations are taken into account in policy and operational discussions at a political level.



**28. NORTH KILBOWIE PAINTERWORK CONTRACT, PHASE 1 TO 5 –  
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF OWNER OCCUPIERS PAYMENT DISPUTE**

Submit report by the Acting Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development (Housing and Regeneration Services) recommending a proposed basis for settlement of owner/occupier accounts with a view to bringing to a conclusion the protracted dispute regarding North Kilbowie Painterwork Contract, Phase 1 to 5.

**29. ALEXANDRIA TOWN CENTRE PROJECT 2007/2008 UPDATE**

Submit report by the Acting Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development (Housing and Regeneration Services) seeking approval for the key capital project for 2007/2008 in Alexandria Town Centre, which has been agreed in consultation with the Alexandria Regeneration Forum.

**30. CLYDEBANK PROPERTY COMPANY LIMITED**

Submit report by the Acting Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development (Housing and Regeneration Services) seeking the nomination of a Member to sit on the Board of Clydebank Property Company Limited.

**31. DEVELOPMENTS AT CLYDEBANK**

Submit report by the Acting Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development (Housing and Regeneration Services) advising on progress concerning Leisure Heritage and Supermarket Developments at Queens' Quays and Clydebank Town Centre.

**32. SYLVANIA WAY BRIDGE CANOPY PROJECT, CLYDEBANK**

Submit report by the Acting Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development (Housing and Regeneration Services) advising on progress with the Sylvania Way Bridge Canopy Project and seeking approval to appoint the preferred contractor.

**33. SALE OF VACANT FIRST FLOOR PREMISES AT 134C AND 134D MAIN STREET, ALEXANDRIA**

Submit report by the Acting Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development (Housing and Regeneration Services) seeking approval to sell the vacant first floor premises at 134C and 134D Main Street, Alexandria on the open market for residential purposes.

**34. FIRST AND SECOND FLOORS, GLENCAIRN HOUSE, 95 HIGH STREET, DUMBARTON**

Submit report by the Acting Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development (Housing and Regeneration Services) seeking a decision on requests to lease the above property submitted by the Tulloch Trust and the Richmond Fellowship.

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