

CORPORATE SERVICES

- Reduce sick pay for staff on long term sick. In winter have snow gates at Renton cut off and Stoneymullan roundabout to have 12 mile worth of grit.
- Cut the amount of staff at senior level; stop the waste management (time) between departments; do proper road repairs.
- How many of the proposed savings will lead to further savings in the next two years? Will it be a start from scratch approach in year 2? We should be looking at savings where they are longer term and not one-off savings!
- In the September meeting it was agreed to chase community tax, particularly staff – any progress?
- Unpaid council tax – what is being done to collect this huge sum
- What are you doing to recover council tax from non payers?
- To what extent has shared services in the Corporate Services functions been explored? Is there scope for outsourcing privately?
- Why are we paying staff disclosure checks – they earn enough to cover this cost. My student daughter has to pay for her own disclosure despite not earning.
- Better checks on those claiming benefit and the single mothers supposedly with no partner
- Do we need to give finances to groups like Clydebank Seniors Forum and the 50/60s club for Christmas dance, outings etc?

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**OPTION EDC10**

- As a parent I'm greatly concerned how the nursery will be managed by School Head. We won't have the same support, child familiarity with Head just now, my child aware of Head. My child in a deprived area for nursery. I believe issues could arise, staff there to teach but would get pulled/ involved with issues not learning. *Logistics not been thought of, I'm very worried*
- Please take time to consult with all heads of centre's with regard to packages available to them PRIOR to making cuts. This may differ from previous consultations.
- Rather than remove Head teachers for nurseries – combine 2/3 nurseries for 1 head
- Do not see any child/educational value in removal of head of centres in nurseries. Children need structured staff nurturing environment delivered by an in-house head with clear priorities and care for their establishment. Jamestown nursery is a fantastic centre.
- EDC10 – do not agree with proposal just based on 'nursery' sits next to primary school. Surely numbers of children attending, costs to get them there etc must be taken into account before highlighting which ones (if any) should merge.
- EDC10 – Instead of Primary Head taking over nursery, would in not be more beneficial for a nursery head to look after more than 1 nursery?
- EDC10 – Removal of Head of Centres 8 nurseries
- Experience HoC in situ provide could be affected by using HoC in school not necessarily qualified in EE&CC work.
- Have any of the councillors been into the nurseries to work alongside the head of centres or even to read a book or make play-dough with the children? How can decisions be made directly about somewhere/someone without doing so? You wouldn't buy a house without going into it.
- How can the removal of a nursery head possibly provide an educational benefit? Combining two essential posts can only be detrimental to both nursery and primary. The benefits listed – many of those already take place through good working relationships

between nursery and primary.

- How much down time do current school head teachers have to focus into nurseries? What time studies have been carried out? How much consideration has been given to the considerable impact this will have on children's support network?
- If the HoCs of EECC are replaced, does that mean that the HoC in Primary schools would have to be given training? How would this be funded?
- It is evident tonight with the show in numbers from Jamestown nursery, the support for the nursery and Head of Centre. Can you tell us what the recommendations are based upon purely financial or educational? As the nursery is already achieving the educational benefits stated
- Means test for nurseries – charge those that can afford it and earning over £xx
- Removing Head of Centres from nurseries can only increase the workload of already busy head teachers. How can this benefit our children at nursery? They need their own head to give support to them/their families and staff.
- WDC has financed the educational approach 'A curriculum for excellence' the 3-18 curriculum. How does the proposal to remove nursery specific Heads of Centre and inserting Primary School heads scaffold a child's journey to excellence? Has excellence been down-graded?
- Why does the council believe it is more important to spend £190k on free school milk with no robust proof of its effectiveness but is happy to save £200k by cutting 8 head teachers from nurseries with an impact on individuals?
- Children already have access to an independent teacher not one who should be teaching their class.
- How do they expect Head Teachers to manage the nursery when there is no internal access from school to nursery.
- I think that the proposal of the removal of 8 heads of centre is disgraceful.
- If proposal for EECC Heads is accepted are Heads guaranteed redeployment – where?! No compulsory redundancies!
- If the nurseries are put under the management of schools what are the implications with regards to the open hours and flexibility of service?
- The removal of Heads of Nurseries increases the work load of primary head teachers and therefore affects the primary school as well
- The removal of the 8 nursery heads does not make any sense and appears to lack the evidence as stated in support of his decision. This would have a detrimental effect on the running of these centres and impact greatly on the services who work in partnership. Why go back to a system used years ago which did not work?
- What are the financial implications for moving nurseries under the management of schools i.e. Head teacher salaries, management structures.
- School head has no nursery experience or involvement at all with our staff and children
- Transition is almost non-existent although we are joined to Jamestown. It's down to the Head of Centres interest not geography – transition programmes with other schools are fantastic
- It removes the special relationship between nursery children, their parents and staff
- It will increase the workload of the allocated primary head teacher
- It will sever already key relationships within nurseries between heads of centre to parents! (Includes the children)
- It will have an impact on receiving information on child's progress and updates
- Saving within education could be made by removing free school milk and reduce free school transport rather than disadvantage specific nurseries by removing their Heads of Centres. Talk to the heads of centre and Head teachers first to get realistic point of view on this proposal

OPTION EDC18

- School meals – return to statutory entitlement due to cost. Also due to the amount of waste of lunches on a daily basis.

OPTION EDC19

- Reduce free school milk to statutory level.
- £190K school milk + £35K Christmas = 8 HoC, EE&C.

OPTION EDC20

- Instead of children getting free transport, how about a 50p return ticket for all children.

GENERAL

- Why have Faifley, Ladyton and Old Kilpatrick libraries been selected for closure in March? It appears no like for like comparison been made or any consideration of distance from facility
- Building all faiths single community schools.
- School closures should be considered – eg low pupil numbers, number of schools in one area. Milton community facility £90k – don't use if can't afford.

HEED

- How much were we paying to have a celebrity switch on Christmas lights in Dumbarton and Vale?
- The formation of the new leisure trust – where are the savings from this? Why is it not being mentioned tonight? Why were the public not consulted before agreeing to it?
- Charge for events – HED07 rather than reduce funding.
- Is there any planned increase in factor fees for home owners?
- What proactive activities are under way to sell off waste ground to private housing developers in a bid to increase area population?
- Why is the price of getting your garden done going up from £48 to £140?
- Increase garden scheme costs rather than recover full cost.
- There is still dog fouling going on at Dalmuir West – when is someone in authority going to impose fines?
- Someone to check at both early morning 'walkies' for dogs, especially the grass verge at Dalmuir West (Dumbarton Road from bottom of Mountblow Rd)

SOCIAL WORK AND COMMUNITY HEALTH

- Community groups add value and build stronger and healthier communities at a fraction of the cost of what it really would cost!!!!
- Ref SWK03: I'm extremely concerned that this has even been considered as an option. My mother lives in Leven court and has dementia. She has no concept of time and turns night into day. She regularly asks for help from wardens and it would be incredulous to think that this would be removed for any time in a 24 hr period. Support required 24/7.
- Stop using council buses for leisure activity and groups (not disabled) i.e. taking seniors to garden displays, shopping centres etc
- Why are the council paying other authorities to provide specialist services i.e. autism, hearing impairment, when we have the expertise in our own authority, spending large sums on a very limited number of children?

GENERAL

- On balance I think WDC has done very well in attempting to close this £2.45m gap. However, clearly the bigger problem will come in 2012/12 when faced with further £16m cuts. School closures, Free school transport (EDC20) must surely be considered at that stage.
- Improve administration and repair costs hopefully reducing costs
- Running this fast to stand still then more pain next year 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14
- We would welcome further meetings regarding bowling facilities in Clydebank. Also what is happening re CE Centres?
- Reconsider replacement indoor bowling
- Maintain this style of meeting in the future
- Felt that to do justice to questionnaire I need to take it home and send info into council; Useful having council members at the table to discuss in greater detail some of the more difficult issues and providing clarity to some of the information.
- Very good venue, catering, presentations, time keeping, handouts
- Why is there no question on management review to save money?
- Christmas Dinners for pensioners – it should be 1 dinner per person only!
- There is no mention of cuts in councillors' expenses. Is it your intention to make cuts here?