

# Agenda



## Meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council

**Date:** Wednesday, 27 June 2018

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**Time:** 18:00

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**Venue:** Civic Space,  
Council Offices, 16 Church Street, Dumbarton

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Dear Member

Please attend a meeting of **West Dunbartonshire Council** as detailed above.  
The business is shown on the attached agenda.

Yours faithfully

**JOYCE WHITE**

Chief Executive

Distribution:-

Provost William Hendrie  
Bailie Denis Agnew  
Councillor Jim Bollan  
Councillor Jim Brown  
Councillor Gail Casey  
Councillor Karen Conaghan  
Councillor Ian Dickson  
Councillor Diane Docherty  
Councillor Jim Finn  
Councillor Daniel Lennie  
Councillor Caroline McAllister  
Councillor Douglas McAllister  
Councillor David McBride  
Councillor Jonathan McColl  
Councillor Iain McLaren  
Councillor Marie McNair  
Councillor John Millar  
Councillor John Mooney  
Councillor Lawrence O'Neill  
Councillor Sally Page  
Councillor Martin Rooney  
Councillor Brian Walker

Chief Executive  
Strategic Director - Transformation & Public Service Reform  
Strategic Director - Regeneration, Environment & Growth  
Chief Officer - West Dunbartonshire Health & Social Care Partnership

Date of issue: 14 June 2018

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**

**WEDNESDAY, 27 JUNE 2018**

**AGENDA**

**1 APOLOGIES**

**2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members are invited to declare if they have an interest in the items of business on this agenda and the reasons for such declarations.

**3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING 5 - 16**

Submit for approval as a correct record, minutes of meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council held on 31 May 2018.

**4 MINUTES OF AUDIT COMMITTEE (to follow)**

Submit for information and where necessary ratification, the Minutes of Meeting of the Audit Committee held on 13 June 2018.

**5 OPEN FORUM**

The Committee is asked to note that no open forum questions have been submitted by members of the public.

**6 GLASGOW CITY REGION CITY DEAL – UPDATE 17 – 21**

Submit report by the Strategic Lead – Regeneration on the progress with the implementation of the Glasgow City Region, City Deal and the Council's City Deal project.

**7 DISTRICT HEATING NETWORK – QUEENS QUAY (to follow)**

Submit report by the Strategic Legal – Regeneration on the above.

**8 DRAFT STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2017/18 (to follow)**

Submit report by the Strategic Lead – Resources on the above.

**9 USE OF MICROPHONES – PROPOSED CHANGE  
TO STANDING ORDERS**

**23 - 25**

Submit report by the Strategic Lead – Regulatory seeking approval of a proposed change to Standing Orders.

**10 NOTICES OF MOTION**

**Motion by Councillor David McBride – Town Twinning**

Council notes the decision of the Cultural Committee to explore options for the reestablishment of Town Twinning initiatives.

Council further notes that during the last SNP/Independent Administration between 2007 and 2012 £8791 of public money was committed and spent on Town Twinning.

Council notes the austerity budget cuts being inflicted on our communities by the SNP/ Independent Administration and calls on every penny of Council spending to be prioritised for the services relevant to and prioritized by West Dunbartonshire residents.

Therefore this Council calls on the chief executive to bring forward a report to the next Council Meeting detailing how our Town Twinning aspirations can be achieved at Zero cost to the public purse and the council.

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## **WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**

At the Meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council held in the Council Chambers, Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton on Thursday 31 May 2018 at 2.00 p.m.

**Present:** Provost William Hendrie, Bailie Denis Agnew\* and Councillors Jim Bollan, Jim Brown, Gail Casey, Karen Conaghan, Ian Dickson, Diane Docherty, Jim Finn, Daniel Lennie, Caroline McAllister, Douglas McAllister\*, David McBride, Jonathan McColl, Iain McLaren, Marie McNair, John Millar, John Mooney, Lawrence O'Neill, Sally Page, Martin Rooney and Brian Walker

\* arrived later in the meeting.

**Attending:** Joyce White, Chief Executive; Angela Wilson, Strategic Director - Transformation & Public Service Reform; Richard Cairns, Strategic Director – Regeneration, Environment & Growth; Beth Culshaw, Chief Officer, West Dunbartonshire Health & Social Care Partnership; Peter Hessett, Strategic Lead – Regulatory (Legal Officer); Stephen West, Strategic Lead – Resources; Laura Mason, Chief Education Officer; Malcolm Bennie, Strategic Lead – Communications, Culture & Communities; Victoria Rogers, Strategic Lead – People and Technology, Peter Barry, Strategic Lead – Housing & Employability; Ronnie Dinnie, Strategic Lead – Environment & Neighbour, Jim McAloon, Strategic Lead – Regeneration and Christine McCaffary, Senior Democratic Services Officer.

**Provost William Hendrie in the Chair**

### **URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS GREENSPACE WORK CONNECT – FIRE AT HAVOC PAVILION**

Provost Hendrie advised that he had agreed to a request for two urgent motions to be heard. The first motion, seeking to increase grass cutting and planting, would be heard immediately after the Open Forum, and the second, in connection with fire damage at Havoc Pavilion, would be heard at the end of the business on the agenda.

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

It was noted that there were no declarations of interest in any of the items of business on the agenda.

## MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Minutes of Meetings of West Dunbartonshire Council held on (a) 28 March 2018 (Ordinary); and (b) 9 April 2018 (Requisitioned) were submitted and approved as correct records.

### OPEN FORUM

The Provost advised that Open Forum questions had been received from (1) Mr Andrew Muir in connection with the Social Work Complaints Review Sub-Committee and (2) Mr Craig Edward in connection with Dalmuir Public Park Zero Cuts Petition.

The Provost invited Mr Muir forward and he read out his question:-

**(a) Andrew Muir, Dumbarton – Social Work Complaints Review Sub-Committee**

When a complaint is made to the council about the services provided by the social work department, a sub-committee is set up to investigate this matter. What criteria are used to determine the membership of the sub-committee and what steps are taken to ensure that members of the sub-committee do not have a conflict of interest when arriving at their findings?

Councillor McNair provided the following response:-

Mr Muir, thanks for your question. I can advise as follows:-

It is no longer the case that the Social Work Complaints Review Committee hears social work complaints. Following the Scottish Government's Review of Social Work Complaints, the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman, as from 1 April 2017, is now responsible for handling Social Work Complaints and has replaced the Social Works Complaints Review Committees.

I have asked the Chief Officer for Social Work and Health to write to you with more details of the new procedures as set out by the SPSO.

I hope this information is of help to you.

As a supplementary question Mr. Muir asked:-

Would you be prepared to fully re-investigate those complaints that a former Chair had been involved in?

In response, Councillor McNair urged Mr Muir to submit his information and we will have a look at it.

The Provost then invited Mr Edward forward and he read out his question:-

**(b) Craig Edward, Clydebank – Dalmuir Public Park Zero Cuts Petition**

The SNP, Conservatives and Independent Councillor Agnew voted for greenspace budget cuts at the budget setting meeting on 05 March 2018. This followed a public survey which did not allow the option of zero cuts, and people participating in the survey were forced to select a cut.

Specifically, Dalmuir Public Park has seen a reduction of flower beds and a reduced grass cutting service as a result. A petition was created asking for the Council to maintain Dalmuir Public Park to the standard prior to the budget cuts approved. The petition received massive support from the public, with 2,172 signatures against any reduction of service at the Park. Furthermore, there have been public meetings/rallies organised by the Joint Trade Unions of West Dunbartonshire, calling for a reversal to all cuts which include the cuts to our Parks.

West Dunbartonshire Council's Social & Economic Profile 2017 estimate the Clydebank population to be 42,953. Therefore, the petition is statistically significant at 5% of the population and cannot be ignored.

To put this into perspective, the entire budget consultation attracted 2,733 responses which is one of the Council's biggest consultations in its history. This amounted to 3% of the population which the council described as "statistically significant".

Based on this evidence, I would like to ask the following question:

Will Councillors suspend standing orders and reverse the budget cut to greenspace, and specifically the flower bed displays not only at Dalmuir Public Park, but all Parks across the Authority?

Councillor McLaren provided the following response:-

Thank you, Provost.

I'd like to begin by thanking Mr Edwards for bringing this question to Council.

As we promised at the budget-setting Council meeting in March, any additional funding coming to Council will be considered to offset cuts in services.

We remain, however, also committed to delivering enhanced biodiversity areas in appropriate locations throughout West Dunbartonshire.

In light of additional money being made available by the SNP Scottish Government, I am pleased to announce that I will be bringing a motion to

Council later in this meeting that will increase funding to Greenspace services, which includes additional money to fulfil our bedding display aspirations.

As a supplementary question, Mr Edward asked:-

Provost, with your indulgence I would like to ask a further question and set the background to the question too?

I submitted a Freedom of Information request and received a reply in March regarding the Clydebank to Renfrew Bridge. Specifically, I asked how much money had been wasted on the independent traffic assessment which WDC never used. The cost was £4,511.17. Then, this week the Clydebank Post revealed £2,250 had been wasted on a day out for 35 staff to ride boats on what I'm sure was a very nice day out on Loch Lomond – but at the struggling tax payers expense.

These are only TWO confirmed examples of money wasted that we know about totalling £6761.27. Now to the Council that may not seem a huge sum of money. But to a disabled WDC resident, that is the equivalent of 10 years and 1 months Council Tax bill – completely wasted, and provided zero benefit to the public.

The reason I bring this up is the Councillors opposite me are keen to stress how skint we are, there's no money, we have our hands tied behind our back, there's nothing we can do. Well my question to those very Councillors is this. Considering the evidence before you today, will you commit to a full comprehensive review of all money raised by the 89,000 hardworking, struggling, suffering residents of West Dunbartonshire and stop wasting public funds which should instead be spent on meaningful projects such as our amazing greenspaces, public parks and fantastic greenspace staff?

If not, then the SNP Group Leader and his Councillors seriously fall foul of the Standards Commissions Scotland's Code of Conduct for Leadership which states: *You have a duty to promote and support these principles by leadership and example, and to maintain and strengthen the public's trust and confidence in the integrity of the Council and its councillors in conducting public business.*

Right now Councillors, leadership, integrity, principles, confidence and public's trust are not words I attribute with the SNP or Denis Agnew.

Councillor McLaren provided the following response:-

It is part of our duty to the people of West Dunbartonshire to consider improvements to the area. If this means spending money to evaluate these improvements, then I am happy that it should be spent doing so.

A written response to the other points made will be provided within the standard time limit.



## **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

The Legal Officer advised the Council that the suspension of Standing Orders would be required to allow consideration of the urgent item of business relating to Greenspace.

### **URGENT ITEM OF BUSINESS GREENSPACE**

Copies of the motion were circulated to allow Members to consider the terms of the motion, following which the Council agreed to the suspension of Standing Order 20.

Councillor McLaren moved:-

Every Councillor who voted for the 2018/19 budget did so with the Administration's promise that should extra money become available, we would seek to reduce the impact of savings made in March.

Council is pleased that thanks to new funding being allocated to local government by the SNP Scottish Government, we now have an opportunity to reinvest in Greenspace.

Council agrees to reinvest £270,000 in greenspace services to greatly increase the number of areas where grass is cut, and to allow the team to realise their ambitious plans for even more perennial beds in our parks and open spaces, to include some summer bedding mixed into the displays.

Council recognises that the previous Labour Administration made a mistake when they removed the winter bedding programme, leaving our parks bereft of planting and colour for most of the year. This reinvestment will allow for perennial displays during the winter months, providing our residents with a pleasant environment all year round.

Council further agrees that with declining bee and other pollinating insect populations, the creation of appropriate biodiversity areas and wildflower planting is vital to our environment and the ability of our farmers to produce the food we eat. Council agrees that greenspace should use some of this budget to implement this policy in a sensible and sustainable way.

While we await receipt of this new Scottish Government funding, which will come to Councils before the end of this financial year, Council agrees to fund this investment in greenspace using the £30,341 underspend from last year's CVS administered grants budget, with the remainder of the £270,000 investment coming from the Prudential Reserve.

Council understands that West Dunbartonshire's full year share of the new Scottish Government funding is expected to be around £240,000, and when

we receive our funding, this will be used to reinstate the Prudential Reserve. Following the detailed allocation of this new funding, should there be a shortfall, Council will agree how to fund the Prudential Reserve at the 2019/20 budget setting meeting.

As an amendment, Councillor McBride moved:-

The SNP Councillors have a record of ignoring the concerns of residents of West Dunbartonshire but they do tend to react to those of the First Minister.

The attached letter from the Scottish Government, which was a reply to a letter sent to the First Minister of Scotland from a local resident complaining about the SNP/Independent budget cuts. The reply on her behalf states:-

*“In light of this increase in funding the Scottish Government does not accept that the budget cuts, as you have described, were at all necessary. If you have not already done so I would suggest that you present these facts to West Dunbartonshire Council and ask them why in light of an increase they still needed to cut funding to community groups, voluntary groups and local partner organisations within their area”.*

Given the Scottish Government agree the current budget cuts were unnecessary this Council calls on the Chief Executive to reverse those cuts not deemed necessary by the Scottish Government including:

- Cuts to voluntary organisations
- Reduction in funding to strategic partners.
- Grass cutting
- Summer bedding plants
- Cemetery maintenance
- Increased biodiversity areas

The cost of reversing the cuts are £30k for the cuts to voluntary organisations and this should come from the under-spend identified at the recent Corporate Services Committee.

In addition the SNP had decided to cut £666k from its grass cutting / Greenspace budget. However, the Labour Opposition proposes that this budget cut is reversed in its entirety with £240k coming from the additional £240k of Scottish Government funding announced on 26<sup>th</sup> May.

The balance of £426K to come from the reserve earmarked for use as the “Change Fund” be reallocated and used to fund this policy decision in the 2018/19 financial year. Officers should include this money mainlined in the budget book for future years.

*Note: As at the 5<sup>th</sup> March the Change Fund had £2.143m available for use during 2018/19.*



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Our ref: [REDACTED]  
20 March 2018

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 8 March, in your rôle as [REDACTED] Dumbarton, addressed to the First Minister about cuts to your local community groups, voluntary groups and partner organisations. The First Minister has asked me to thank you for your email and to reply on her behalf as local government finance falls within my area of responsibility.

The First Minister has asked me to say that she wholeheartedly agrees with your comments about the importance of the community however it is important to remember that local authorities are independent corporate bodies whose duties are set out in statute. Scottish Ministers have no general powers that would allow them to intervene in matters regarding the allocation of funds as part of local authority budget setting.

For the Scottish Government's part, despite continued UK Government real terms cuts to Scotland's resource budget, the Scottish Government has treated local government very fairly. In the coming financial year, the local government finance settlement of £10.7 billion will provide a real terms boost in both revenue and capital funding. The 2018-19 settlement provides an increase in local government day to day spending for local revenue services of £175 million and delivers an increase in capital spending of £89.9 million. Councils also had the flexibility to raise an additional £77 million by increasing council tax by up to 3 per cent. Taken together, the total funding (revenue, capital and council tax) settlement delivers an increase in the overall resources to support local services of £342 million or 3.3 per cent.

West Dunbartonshire Council will receive almost £204 million of Scottish Government funding in 2018-19 an increase of £8.6 million compared with 2017-18. West Dunbartonshire Council has also taken the opportunity to increase council tax levels by the maximum allowable 3 per cent providing an extra £1.2 million to support services, giving an overall increase of £9.8 million or 25.1 per cent.

In the light of this increase in funding the Scottish Government does not accept that budget cuts, as you have described, were at all necessary. If you have not already done so I would

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suggest that you present these facts to West Dunbartonshire Council and ask them why in the light of an increase in funding of over 5 per cent they still needed to cut funding to the community groups, voluntary groups and local partner organisations within their area.

I hope that you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely

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Councillor McColl then seconded Councillor McLaren's motion and Councillor O'Neill seconded Councillor McBride's amendment.

Note:- Bailie Denis Agnew and Councillor Douglas McAllister arrived at this point in the meeting.

At the request of Councillor O'Neill the Council proceeded by way of a roll call vote.

On a vote being taken 9 Members, namely Councillor Bollan, Casey, Lennie, Douglas McAllister, McBride, Millar, Mooney, O'Neill and Rooney voted for the amendment and 13 Members, namely Provost Hendrie, Bailie Agnew and Councillors Brown, Conaghan, Dickson, Docherty, Finn, Caroline McAllister, McColl, McLaren, McNair, Page and Walker voted for the motion which was accordingly declared carried.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At the request of Councillor McColl, the Council agreed to adjourn the meeting for a period of 10 minutes. The meeting reconvened at 3.45 p.m. with all Members noted in the sederunt present.

### **GLASGOW CITY REGION CITY DEAL - UPDATE**

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead – Regeneration on the progress with the implementation of the Glasgow City Region, City Deal and the Council's City Deal project.

After discussion and having heard the Strategic Lead – Regeneration in answer to Members' questions, the Council agreed to:-

- (a) note the progress of the Glasgow City Region (GCR) City Deal; and
- (b) note the progress with the Council's project for the Exxon site.

### **LOCAL SCRUTINY PLAN 2018-19**

A report was submitted by the Chief Executive providing information on the Local Scrutiny Plan for 2018-19.

After discussion and having heard officers in answer to Members' questions, the Council agreed to note the Local Scrutiny Plan for 2018-19 and the actions identified in key areas as already outlined within delivery plans.

## **NOTICES OF MOTION**

### **(a) Motion by Councillor Jim Bollan – Equal Pay for WDC Workers**

Councillor Bollan, seconded by Councillor O'Neill moved:-

Council agrees to review the issues surrounding equal pay for WDC workers.

Council is aware hundreds of low paid, particularly women, workers who would have been entitled to a payment for various valid reasons did not submit claims on time and missed out on equal pay payouts.

Council calls on the CEO to compile a report giving the numbers of workers who missed out on such a payment, with average potential costs had all these claims been approved and made timeously.

The CEO should report back to the June 2018 Council Meeting.

As an amendment Councillor Caroline McAllister, seconded by Bailie Agnew moved:-

Council takes no action on this motion.

On a vote being taken 12 Members voted for the amendment and 10 for the motion. The amendment was accordingly declared carried.

## **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

Having heard the Provost, the Council agreed to suspend Standing Order 20 to allow the following item of business to be considered.

## **NOTICES OF MOTION**

### **(b) Motion by Councillor Jonathan McColl – Trade Union Conveners**

Councillor McColl, seconded by Councillor Dickson moved:-

The Administration, having reviewed feedback from staff and members of the public following the budget decision to consult on publicly funded Trade Union Convener hours, announced on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018 that we were ending the consultation and would take steps to reverse this proposed cut.

Council agrees with the Administration's decision and asks that £50,000 from the reserve earmarked for use as the "Change Fund" be reallocated and used to fund this policy decision in the 2018/19 financial year. Officers should include this money mainlined in the budget book for future years going forward.

As an amendment, Councillor McBride seconded by Councillor O'Neill moved:-

This Council notes that in an answer to a question from Jackie Baillie's MSP at First Ministers questions on 29 March 18, the First Minister Nicola Sturgeon refused to back the SNP/Independent Councils decision to cut Facility Time.

Council is also notes the SNP Administrations attack on Trade Union Facility Time was subsequently reversed on 16 April 18 - less than an hour before the First Minister addressed the STUC Congress.

Council further notes that the SNP/Independent Administration rejected any calls to reverse the Facility Time cuts from Trade Unions, our Communities and Opposition Councillors.

The SNP only admitted their decision to cut Trade Union Conveners facility time was wrong when the First Minister made her speech at the STUC .

This was the catalyst for the Administration change of heart and for "reversing the cut to move forward" and not any misunderstanding. The cut was a political choice and the reversal was a political necessity.

Given the above, this Council agrees that £50,000 from the reserve earmarked for use as the "Change Fund" be reallocated and used to fund this policy decision in the 2018/19 financial year. Officers should include this money mainlined in the budget book for future years.

On a vote being taken 11 Members voted for the amendment and 11 for the motion. There being an equality of votes the Chair, Provost Hendrie, used his casting vote in favour of the motion, which was declared carried.

**(c) Motion by Councillor Marie McNair – Clydebank Group Holidays – 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Councillor McNair moved:-

This Council congratulates Clydebank Group Holidays on their 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Council commends the selfless efforts of the group in providing low cost holidays to many who would be unable to afford to meet the costs on their own.

Provost Hendrie has agreed to host a civic reception to honour the work carried out by the group, this will take place at a date and time to be arranged in consultation with the group.

The Council approved the motion.

**URGENT ITEM OF BUSINESS**  
**WORK CONNECT – FIRE AT HAVOC PAVILION**

Councillor McColl moved:-

Council notes that due to a deliberate and callous act of arson, the HSCP's Learning Disabilities Work Connect group lost £20,000 of mixed equipment including arts and crafts materials, cutlery and crockery and gardening equipment and tools.

Council thanks those individuals and organisations who have donated money and equipment to help replace what was lost in the fire.

Council agrees to transfer up to £20,000 from the Prudential Reserve to enable the Work Connect group to continue their activities as quickly as possible.

Council will consider how it will replenish the Prudential Reserve at the 2019/20 budget meeting.

The Council approved the motion.

The meeting closed at 4.55 p.m.



**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL****Report by the Strategic Lead for Regeneration****Council: 27 June 2018**

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**Subject: Glasgow City Region City Deal – Update****1. Purpose**

- 1.1** To note the progress with the implementation of the Glasgow City Region, City Deal and the Council's City Deal project.

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1** It is recommended that Council:

- i) notes the progress of the Glasgow City Region (GCR) City Deal, and
- ii) notes progress with the Council's project for the Exxon site.

**3. Background**

- 3.1** The Glasgow City Region City Deal Infrastructure programme equates to £1.13bn of investment for over 20 projects over a ten year period. These projects are progressing and have reached various stages from Strategic, Outline and Full Business cases stages of approval.
- 3.2** The Outline Business Case (OBC) for the Exxon site project was approved at Council on 22 February 2017 and at the City Region Cabinet on 11 April 2017. Work towards development of a refreshed Outline Business Case is progressing and the development of a Final Business Case is due at the end of December 2019.

**4. Main Issues**

- 4.1** A refreshed Outline Business Case will be brought back to Council for consideration in September 2018. The Final Business Case (FBC) for the Council's infrastructure project at the Exxon site is due for completion in December 2019 and is still on-track. The maximum budget available to achieve FBC is £2.948m.

**5. Glasgow City Region City Deal Update**

- 5.1** The Glasgow City Region Cabinet Group on 5 June 2018 approved additional funding and noted an update in relation to the Airport Access project (formally known as GARL). The purpose of the report was to update Cabinet on the discussions with Transport Scotland and the independent auditor (Jacobs) in relation to the audit of the project Outline Business Case

(OBC), which was requested by the Minister for Transport and the Islands and the leader of Glasgow City Council and Renfrewshire Council. The purpose of these discussions was to identify and agree areas of work required to close out the audit findings, and to develop a costed work plan to do this.

- 5.2** Since approval of the Airport Access Project OBC by Cabinet in December 2017 proposals for development of the Advanced Manufacturing Innovation District Scotland (AMIDS) in the area around Glasgow Airport has progressed at pace, including the Scottish Government's announcement in December 2017 that the new National Manufacturing Institute for Scotland (NMIS) would be located in the Renfrewshire area. These developments, with the enabling infrastructure being delivered through the Glasgow Airport Investment Area (GAIA) City Deal project, have the potential to be transformative for the City Region and create thousands of new jobs. As this and other related proposals develop, the opportunity to provide a sustainable transport link to this area is viewed as a key opportunity. Renfrewshire will explore these transport opportunities take this into account and be included in the work to revisit the Business Case for the Airport Access project. Cabinet approved additional City Deal funding of £500,000 to progress the project.

### **5.3 Glasgow City Region Education Improvement Collaborative**

- 5.3.1** The Glasgow City Region Education Improvement Collaborative (GCREIC), known as the West Partnership has been working to develop actions across three workstreams with a further fourth workstream to establish baselines and targets being established, reflecting the critical indicators approved by the Regional Education Committee.
- 5.3.2** Education Scotland had provided feedback recognising the clarity and strategic intent of the Partnership's initial Improvement Plan, praising the robust governance arrangements which had been established, and also recognising the likely challenges in consulting with educational establishments across the region. The proposed next steps on the development of the GCREIC's future Improvement Plan will require to be submitted to Education Scotland by 3 September 2018.

### **5.4 Glasgow City Region Internal Audit Plan**

- 5.4.1** As part of the 2017/18 Internal Audit Plan, Glasgow City Council Internal Audit has carried out a review of Compliance with the Assurance Framework - Programme and Project Management Arrangements.
- 5.4.2** At Cabinet on 5 June 2018 the content of the audit report was noted and Cabinet instruct the Head of Audit & Inspection to provide follow up reports showing progress towards achievement of the Action Plan arising from the audit undertaken, since reported last month to council. The report is available as a background report.

## **5.5 Finance Group Update**

- 5.5.1** The revised Assurance Framework is being finalised and is planned to be brought to the August 2018 Cabinet meeting, along with revised Business Case guidance to meet the Governments' expectations.

## **5.6 Labour Market Working Group (LMG) Update**

- 5.6.1** The Cabinet noted a report on the final achievements of the City Deal Youth Gateway Programme and proposals for a future City Region Youth Guarantee. The Youth Gateway Programme (YGP) was delivered over three years by all eight local authorities and has significantly exceeded the targets set, supporting over 8,000 young people into work.

- 5.6.2** Youth Gateway is one of three Skills and Employment Programmes delivered as part of the Glasgow and Clyde Valley City Deal Agreement, albeit funded through individual Local Authorities budgets. The programme aimed to run for three years to March 2018, to engage with 15,000 unemployed young people aged 16 - 29 years and to support 5,000 to progress to sustained employment for a total investment of £15 million. In terms of overall performance for the Youth Gateway project West Dunbartonshire Council's Working4U service performed well:

- 1<sup>st</sup> for job outcomes. Engaging with 1,326 young people with 715 securing employment, the Council ranked 1<sup>st</sup> compared to the other eight local authorities of the City Region;
- 1<sup>st</sup> for outcomes compared to budget. In terms of job outcomes related to budget expenditure the Council again ranked 1<sup>st</sup>;
- 3<sup>rd</sup> for wider value for money. In terms of value for money the programme budget spent against number of people engaged;
- participation costs lower than the regional average. The cost per person engaged by WDC was £1,238. The average across the City Region was £1,705; and
- outcome costs lower than the regional average. The cost per job outcome for WDC was £2,359. The average across the City region was £3,931.

## **5.7 Housing and Equalities group update**

- 5.7.1** West Dunbartonshire Council Leads on the Housing and Equalities Portfolio for the City Region. Following the appointment to the PMO of staff to lead on the development of the portfolios, the first formal meeting of the group was held on 21 March 2018. As a result, discussions are at an early stage and the meeting focused on the role and remit of the group and the key priorities for a future implementation plan. Report on progress of this group will be presented to the Cabinet in June 2018.

## **6. West Dunbartonshire Council City Deal Project**

- 6.1** There has been no significant development since the last report to Council on 31 May 2018. The development of a refreshed OBC will continue throughout the summer of 2018 and brought back to Council for consideration at September 2018 meeting, and if approved subsequently to the Chief Executive Group of the GCR for approval.
- 6.2** The Council is meeting on the 28 June 2018 to commence commercial negotiations with Exxon. Site investigative studies and negotiations with Exxon regarding a site transfer settlement position will also continue during the summer period.

## **7. People Implications**

- 7.1** There are a number of senior officers involved in the City Deal initiative across services of the Council and as part of the project board.

## **8. Financial Implications**

- 8.1** It is anticipated that the expenditure for 2018/19 will be £0.760m. As at 31 May 2018 the total project Capital expenditure was £1.477m.
- 8.2** The OBC approved budget expenditure for the City Deal Exxon project totals £2.948 over periods 2017/18 and 2018/19.

## **9. Risk Analysis**

- 9.1** There are a number of project risks associated with the development at the Exxon site contained as part of the Outline Business Case. These are being developed as the project moves forward and will form part of a refreshed OBC.

## **10. Equalities Impact Assessment**

- 10.1** An updated Equalities Impact Assessment will form part of the refreshed Outline Business Case.

## **11. Consultation**

- 11.1** Consultation with all key stakeholders is progressing as we continue to work towards the Full Business Case.

## **12. Strategic Assessment**

- 12.1** At its meeting on 25 October 2017, the Council agreed that one of its main strategic priorities for 2017 - 2022 is:
- A Strong local economy and improved employment opportunities

**12.2** The proposals within this report are specifically designed to deliver on this priority.

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**Date: 8 June 2018**

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<b>Appendices:</b>	Nil
<b>Background Report:</b>	Glasgow City Region City Deal - Compliance with Assurance Framework - Programme and Project Management Arrangements.
<b>Background Papers:</b>	Glasgow City Region City Deal – Council updates on the following dates: 31 May 2018, 5 March 2018, 20 December 2017, 25 October 2017, 30 August 2017, 28 June 2017, 26 April 2017, 22 February 2017, 21 December 2016, 26 October 2016, 31 August 2016, 29 June 2016, 27 April 2016, 24 February 2016, 16 December 2015, 25 August 2015.
<b>Wards Affected:</b>	All



## **WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **Report by Strategic Lead - Regulatory**

**West Dunbartonshire Council: 27 June 2018**

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**Subject: Use of Microphones – Proposed Change to Standing Orders**

#### **1. Purpose**

- 1.1** To request the Council to consider making a change to standing orders to remove the requirement for councillors to stand while speaking during full Council meetings.

#### **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1** The Council is recommended to suspend Standing Order No. 20 (d) and instruct the Strategic Lead – Regulatory to remove all references to the requirement for councillors to stand while speaking during full Council meetings from the Council's Standing Orders.

#### **3. Background**

- 3.1** Members will be aware that when Council meetings are held in the Civic Space in the new Church Street building, councillors and officers will need to use microphones in order to be heard in the public gallery and via the hearing loop system.

#### **4. Main Issues**

- 4.1** The current Standing Orders require councillors to stand while speaking during full Council meetings. Traditionally, standing to speak was a sign of respect when addressing the Provost and also enabled councillors to project their voices fully so that everyone, including those in the public gallery, could hear them. However, the introduction of the use of microphones will mean that this is no longer required. This does not mean that Councillors cannot stand, if they prefer, as the microphones can be adjusted to pick up sound in both seated and standing positions.
- 4.2** In addition and more significantly, the requirement to stand could be difficult for those councillors, who due to disability or age, may not be able to stand and therefore this could be viewed as a form of discrimination.

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## **5. People Implications**

- 5.1** There are no staffing implications arising from this report although officers will also be expected to use microphones while speaking at Council meetings. It should also be noted that there is no requirement within Standing Orders for officers to stand while speaking at full Council meetings.

## **6. Financial and Procurement Implications**

- 6.1** There are no financial implications arising from this report. The microphones which have been purchased for use in the Civic Space are portable and therefore can be used in Council Chamber, Clydebank. The additional cost of amplification of the Chamber in Clydebank Town Hall has been included in the 2018 estimates.

## **7. Risk Analysis**

- 7.1** There are no risks associated with the recommendations of this report but failure to remove the requirement to stand could be considered to be discriminatory and therefore result in reputational damage to the Council.

## **8. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)**

- 8.1** An equalities impact assessment has been carried out on the recommendation within this report and it was noted that this change would have a positive impact on persons with disabilities or the elderly. On the other hand, retaining the requirement to stand could be considered to be discriminatory.

## **9. Consultation**

- 9.1** Officers from Legal and Finance Services have been consulted on the contents of this report.

## **10. Strategic Assessment**

- 10.1** The recommendation of this report does not impact on the Council's Strategic objectives.

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**Appendices:** None

**Background Papers:** (1) West Dunbartonshire Council's Standing Orders (March 2018) and (2) Equality Impact Assessment on requirement to stand at full Council Meetings.

**Wards Affected:** None.