

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton, G82 3PU

13 November 2003

MEETING: CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE

**WEDNESDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 2003
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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Dear Sir/Madam

Please attend a meeting of the **Children's Services Committee** to be held in the Council Chambers, Council Offices, Rosebery Place, Clydebank on Wednesday, 19 November 2003 at 10.00 a.m.

The business is as shown on the enclosed agenda.

Yours faithfully

TIM HUNTINGFORD

Chief Executive

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AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (pages 1 – 19)

Submit for approval, the Minutes of Meeting of the Children's Services Committee held on 17 September 2003.

3. LOCAL NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE FOR TEACHERS (pages 21 - 25)

Submit for approval the Minutes of Meeting of the Local Negotiating Committee for Teachers held on 9 October 2003.

4. SQA EXAMINATION RESULTS 2003 (pages 27 – 37)

Submit report by the Director of Education and Cultural Services updating Members on the performance of West Dunbartonshire schools in the national SQA examinations of 2003 and making recommendations thereon.

In this respect, Mr Neil McKechnie, Head of Service and Mr Stewart Jardin, External Consultant, will give a presentation.

5. INTEGRATED CHILDREN'S SERVICES – SUPPORT POSTS (pages 39 – 40)

Submit for approval a joint report by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services and the Director of Education and Cultural Services outlining additional posts to support the strategic development of children's services within the West Dunbartonshire Council area.

6. PROPOSED HEALTH REPRESENTATION ON THE CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE (pages 41 – 42)

Submit a joint report by the Director of Education and Cultural Services and the Director of Social Work and Housing Services seeking direction regarding representation from health partners on the Children's Services Committee.

7. PROVISION FOR PUPILS WITH LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATION DISORDERS AT THE SECONDARY SCHOOL STAGE (pages 43 – 47)

Submit report by the Director of Education and Cultural Services bringing attention to the needs of secondary-aged pupils with language and communication disorders and seeking approval to implement measures to meet these needs.

8. SERVICE PLAN 2003-2007 INCORPORATING IMPROVEMENT OBJECTIVES (pages 49–165)

Submit report by the Director of Education and Cultural Services informing Members of progress in relation to the production of the Education and Cultural Services Service Plan 2003-2007, of the incorporated statement of Improvement Objectives for 2003-2007 and making recommendations thereon.

9. HER MAJESTY'S INSPECTORS OF EDUCATION: FOLLOW-THROUGH ARRANGEMENTS – CUNARD SCHOOL (pages 167-194)

Submit report by the Director of Education and Cultural Services informing Members of the revised follow-through procedures adopted by Her Majesty's Inspectors of Education (HMIE) following an inspection of the school and seeking retrospective approval of the follow-through report on Cunard School published by West Dunbartonshire Council on 14 November 2003.

10. 2003-04 REVENUE ESTIMATES – BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1 APRIL TO 31 AUGUST 2003 (pages 195-231)

Submit report by the Director of Education and Cultural Services providing the latest information on expenditure and income to date within the Education and Cultural Services approved budget for 2003-2004.

**11. UPDATE OF CAPITAL AND REVENUE BUILDING PROGRAMME
2003/2004 (pages 233-252)**

Submit report by the Director of Education and Cultural Services providing Members with up-to-date information on the status of Education and Revenue Building Projects within the Education and Cultural Services Department and drawing attention to significant issues or problems with the progress of any particular project.

12. REPORT OF THE CALEB NESS INQUIRY (pages 253-264)

Submit report by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services drawing attention to the publication of the report of the inquiry into the death of Caleb Ness and informing Members of the action taken by the Department of Social Work and Housing Services in response to the report.

**13. ALLOWANCES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN RESIDENTIAL CARE
(pages 265-267)**

Submit report by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services seeking approval to increase the Council's rate of allowances paid to children who are resident in West Dunbartonshire's units for young people.

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