

## **WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **Report by the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development**

**Planning Committee: 3 April 2012**

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**Subject: Receipt of an appeal in relation to the change of use of a retail unit to a financial services office at 86-88 High Street, Dumbarton by Scotvale Unit Trust Wimpole Services Ltd (DC11/252).**

#### **1. Purpose**

- 1.1 This report advises the Committee of the receipt of an appeal.

#### **2. Background**

- 2.1 An application for planning permission for the change of use of a retail unit to a financial services office was refused by the Planning Committee on 7 February 2012 on the grounds that the proposed use would be contrary to Policy RET 5 and RET 6 of the West Dunbartonshire Local Plan 2010, as it would have a negative impact on the vitality and viability of the town centre and would create dead frontage in the prime retail area.

#### **3. Main Issues**

- 3.1 An appeal has been received in relation to the refusal of planning permission and will be determined by the Scottish Ministers. The appellant has requested that the appeal be determined by way of written representations.

#### **4. People Implications**

- 4.1 There are no personnel issues.

#### **5. Financial Implications**

- 5.1 There are no financial implications.

#### **6. Risk Analysis**

- 6.1 None

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

- 7.1 None

## **8. Strategic Assessment**

**8.1** There are no strategic issues.

## **9. Conclusions and Recommendations**

**9.1** The appeal will be dealt with in the manner described above and the outcome will be intimated to the Committee in due course.

**9.2** It is recommended that the Committee note the receipt of this appeal.

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**Date: 21 March 2012**

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**Appendix:** None.

**Background Papers:** 1. Appeal notification dated 1 March 2012.

**Wards affected:** Ward 3 (Dumbarton)