

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton, G82 3PU

6 October 2006

MEETING: CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE

**WEDNESDAY 11 OCTOBER 2006
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CLYDEBANK TOWN HALL
DUMBARTON ROAD
CLYDEBANK**

Dear Sir/Madam

Please attend a meeting of the **Children's Services Committee** to be held in the Chambers, Clydebank Town Hall, Dumbarton Road, Clydebank on **Wednesday, 11 October 2006 at 10.00 a.m.**

The business is as shown on the enclosed agenda.

Yours faithfully

TIM HUNTINGFORD

Chief Executive

Distribution:

Councillor D. Agnew
Councillor G. Calvert
Councillor G. Casey
Councillor J. Flynn
Councillor J. McCallum
Provost A. Macdonald
Councillor J. Maceira
Councillor C. O'Sullivan
Councillor M. Rooney
Councillor A. White
Councillor D. Brogan
Councillor G. Black
Miss S. Rennie
Mrs B. Barnes
Miss E. McBride
Ms J. Cleife
Ms O. Allison
Ms A. Hair

All other Councillors for information

Chief Executive
Director of Education and Cultural Services
Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services
Acting Director of Social Work Services

THE CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE

11 OCTOBER 2006

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

2. APPOINTMENT OF CONVENER

The Committee is requested to consider the appointment of Convener of the Children's Services Committee.

3. PRESENTATION BY THE HEADTEACHER OF DUMBARTON ACADEMY ON MEASURES TAKEN TO PROMOTE AND RAISE ATTAINMENT AND ACHIEVEMENT FOR PUPILS

Ms Angela Finn, Head Teacher of Dumbarton Academy will give a presentation on the work of Dumbarton Academy in taking forward attainment and achievement for all pupils.

In this respect, submit report by the Director of Education and Cultural Services.

4. PRESENTATION BY CAROLINE SZELONG, TEAM LEADER, ST. PETER'S EARLY EDUCATION AND CHILDCARE CENTRE (EE&CC) - CAREER BOX – EARLY YEARS CAREERS EDUCATION INITIATIVE

Ms Szelong, Team Leader, St. Peter's EE&CC will give a presentation on the Career Box initiative within early years education led by Careers Scotland.

In this respect, submit report by the Director of Education and Cultural Services.

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Submit for approval the Minutes of Meeting of the Children's Services Committee held on 16 August 2006.

6. PROGRESS REPORT ON WORK RELATING TO THE CLOSURE OF BRAIDFIELD HIGH SCHOOL AND THE TRANSFER OF PUPILS, STAFF AND RESOURCES TO CLYDEBANK HIGH SCHOOL

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of the Children's Services Committee held on 17 May 2006, submit report by the Director of Education and Cultural Services providing a final progress report on work relating to the closure of Braidfield High School in June 2006 and the transfer of pupils, staff and resources to Clydebank High School in August 2006.

7. STRATEGY FOR IMPROVING PERFORMANCE IN MEETING TARGET TIMES FOR SUBMISSION OF REPORTS TO THE CHILDREN'S HEARING

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of the Children's Services Committee held on 16 August 2006, submit report by the Acting Director of Social Work Services outlining progress on the production of procedures and standards for the submission of Reports to the Children's Hearing.

8. RESULTS OF THE STATUTORY CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSED RELOCATION OF BONHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of the Children's Services Committee held on 16 August 2006, submit report by the Director of Education and Cultural Services providing the results of the statutory consultation on a proposal for the construction of a new Bonhill Primary School on a Council-owned, green field site on Main Street, Bonhill, opposite the school's present site.

9. SQA EXAMINATION RESULTS 2006

Submit report by the Director of Education and Cultural Services providing up to date information on the performance of West Dunbartonshire schools in the national SQA examinations of 2006 and making recommendations thereon.

10. RAISING THE EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN

Submit report by the Acting Director of Social Work Services containing information on the success of a recent bid for Scottish Executive funding for a pilot proposal to raise the educational attainment of Looked After Children.

11. RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION: STAFFING POSITION FOR QUALIFIED SOCIAL WORKERS

Submit report by the Acting Director of Social Work Services providing an update on the staffing position for Qualified Social Workers and informing the Committee of the successful return from training of 14 Social Workers.

12. 2006-07 REVENUE ESTIMATES – BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1 APRIL TO 15 AUGUST 2006

Submit report by the Director of Education and Cultural Services providing up to date information on expenditure and income within the Education and Cultural Services approved budget for 2006-2007.

13. COSLA AWARDS

Submit report by the Director of Education and Cultural Services informing of the projects, within the Department of Education and Cultural Services and in association with the other Council departments, put forward for COSLA Excellence Awards in 2006.

14. QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT

Submit report by the Director of Education and Cultural Services highlighting the Department of Education and Cultural Services performance for the period April to June 2006 across all relevant areas.

15. MOBILE LIBRARY – SUCCESS STORY

Submit report by the Director of Education and Cultural Services advising of the success of the Mobile Library in winning the trophy for Best Livery at the Mobile Library Meet held in Stirling on Saturday 9 September 2006.

16. LAND AT KILBOWIE PRIMARY SCHOOL, WEST THOMSON STREET, CLYDEBANK

Submit report by the Director of Education and Cultural Services seeking approval to declare surplus to the operational requirements of Education and Cultural Services, land extending to 2,500 square metres or thereby at Kilbowie Primary School, Clydebank and proposing that capital receipts accruing from the subsequent sale of this land be set aside for the continuing regeneration of the schools estate.

17. UPDATE OF CAPITAL AND REVENUE BUILDING PROGRAMME 2006/2007

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

18. GAMBLING ACT 2005 – PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

Submit report by the Chief Executive seeking approval for the Children's Services Committee to be designated as the responsible body to advise West Dunbartonshire Licensing Board on the protection of children from harm in terms of the Gambling Act 2005.

For information on the above agenda please contact Lorraine Beveridge, Administrative Assistant, Legal and Administrative Services, Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton. G82 3PU Tel: (01389) 737220
email: lorraine.beveridge@west-dunbarton.gov.uk