Agenda



West Dunbartonshire Council

Date: Wednesday, 30 August 2023

Time: 16:00

Format: Hybrid meeting

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Dear Member

Please attend a meeting of **West Dunbartonshire Council** as detailed above.

Members will have the option to attend the meeting remotely or in person at the Civic Space, 16 Church Street, Dumbarton.

The business is shown on the attached agenda.

Yours faithfully

PETER HESSETT

Chief Executive

Distribution:-

Provost Douglas McAllister
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Date of issue: 17 August 2023

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WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, 30 AUGUST 2023

AGENDA

1 STATEMENT BY CHAIR – AUDIO STREAMING

2 APOLOGIES

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

4 RECORDING OF VOTES

The Council is asked to agree that all votes taken during the meeting will be done by roll call vote to ensure an accurate record.

5 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Submit for approval, as correct records, the undernoted Minutes of Meetings of West Dunbartonshire Council:-

(a) 21 June 2023 – special meeting; and
 (b) 28 June 2023 – ordinary meeting.
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 11 – 15

6 MINUTES OF MEETING OF AUDIT COMMITTEE

Submit for information, and where necessary ratification, the Minutes of Meeting of the Audit Committee held on:-

(a) 3 May 2023 – ordinary meeting; and 17 – 19 (b) 8 June 2023 – special meeting. 21 – 23

7 OPEN FORUM

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

8 REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES 25 – 33 2023

Submit report by the Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration advising Council of the requirement to conduct a review of polling districts and polling places within its area and outlining the timetable and processes for carrying out this review.

9 FINANCIAL REGULATIONS UPDATE

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Submit report by the Chief Officer – Resources seeking approval of the Council's revised Financial Regulations.

10 UNAUDITED 2022/23 ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

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Submit report by the Chief Officer – Resources providing a copy of the unaudited 2022/23 Annual Accounts and information regarding the 2022/23 outturn as set out in the draft accounts.

11 GENERAL SERVICES BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT 321 – 373 TO 30 JUNE 2023 (PERIOD 3)

Submit report by the Chief Officer – Resources providing an update on the General Services revenue budget and the approved capital programme to 30 June 2023.

12 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGETARY CONTROL 375 – 392 REPORT TO 30 JUNE 2023 (PERIOD 3)

Submit report by the Chief Officer – Resources providing an update on the financial performance to 30 June 2023 (Period 3) of the HRA revenue and capital budgets for 2023/24.

13 NOTICES OF MOTION

(a) Motion by Councillor Michelle McGinty – Bonhill Play Park

Council notes the plans for 26 new council homes at Pappert in Bonhill which is being delivered by the Council's Housing Service.

The development means the removal of one of the existing community play areas which is required for the new housing, and it is expected that the Housing Service will provide £75,000 of funding to upgrade another one of the play parks.

Council recognises that the local community has ambitions for a 4G allweather multi-use pitch on the site which would significantly benefit the young people of the area

The cost of a new all-weather multi-use pitch would be in the region of £250,000. However, the cost of this facility is clearly more than the expected contribution from the Council's Housing Services.

Therefore, Council agrees that the General Fund will provide the additional investment to ensure that a high-quality facility can be secured for the benefit of the community.

The intention is to prioritise this work, so that the local residents get the full benefit of the new all-weather multi-use pitch in advance of the completion of the new housing development.

(b) Motion by Councillor Jonathan McColl – Damaging UK Government Policies

Council continues to oppose Tory Government policies, including:

- the Two Child Benefit Cap and Rape Clause
- the Bedroom Tax
- real terms reductions in Statutory Sick Pay
- Scotland's disastrous exit from the European Union
- Tax and Spending plans that do nothing to help people across West Dunbartonshire, Scotland, and the United Kingdom
- Creeping Privatisation of England's NHS that risks impacting Scottish Healthcare

These and other ideologically driven policies being imposed on the Country by the UK Government are pushing families in West Dunbartonshire into poverty, damaging the economy and costing the Scottish Government hundreds of millions of pounds to mitigate as much of the negative impact as possible.

This Council believes that the money being spent mitigating damaging Tory policies would be better spent protecting and enhancing services provided by Councils across the country.

Council asks the Leader of the Council to write to the UK Prime Minister voicing our opposition to these policies and urging him to adopt an economic approach that invests in public services and wages to grow the economy and aid our recovery from the pandemic.

Council further asks the Leader of the Council to write to all major Party Leaders contesting the upcoming UK General election, urging them to oppose these damaging policies and show the people of West Dunbartonshire that there is an alternative to Tory austerity.