

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton G82 3PU

5 November 2004

MEETING: SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

**WEDNESDAY, 10 NOVEMBER 2004
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CLYDEBANK TOWN HALL
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Dear Member

Please attend a Meeting of the **Social Justice Committee** to be held in the Council Chambers, Clydebank Town Hall, Dumbarton Road, Clydebank on Wednesday, 10 November 2004 at 10.00 a.m.

The business is as shown on the enclosed agenda.

Yours faithfully

TIM HUNTINGFORD

Chief Executive

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Director of Social Work Services

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AGENDA

1. APPOINTMENT OF CONVENER

The Committee is requested to consider the appointment of Convener of the Social Justice Committee.

2. APOLOGIES

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(Pages 1 - 13)

Submit, for approval as a correct record, Minutes of Meeting of the Social Justice Committee held on 8 September 2004.

4. REVIEW OF ROSSHEAD LETTING INITIATIVE

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of the Committee held on 8 September 2004 (Page 1061, paragraph 3535 refers), the Committee is requested to give further consideration to the Rosshead Letting Initiative including representations from the Rosshead Estate Action Group who have been invited to attend this meeting.

With regard to paragraph 3535 (part (6) refers) of the Minutes of the last meeting, there has been insufficient time to prepare a report on the legal position of the Rosshead Letting Initiative and a report will be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee in relation to this matter.

5. LENDER OF LAST RESORT – HOME LOAN PORTFOLIO

(Pages 15 - 18)

In terms of remit from the Minutes of Meeting of the Corporate Services Committee held on 22 September 2004 (Page 1086, paragraph 3626 refers), submit an excerpt Minute together with a report by the Director of Corporate Services advising of the current valuation of the home loan portfolio and the potential sale value and making recommendations thereon.

6. RACE EQUALITY SCHEME PROGRESS

(Pages 19 - 59)

Submit report by the Chief Executive informing on the progress of West Dunbartonshire Council's Race Equality Scheme and outlining the Race Equality Action Plan for 2004/2005.

7. SOCIAL WORK BUDGETARY POSITION 2004/05 AS AT PERIOD 4 TO 15 AUGUST 2004

(Pages 61 - 101)

Submit report by the Director of Social Work Services advising of the performance of the Social Work budget for the period to 15 August 2004.

8. SOCIAL WORK GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

(Pages 103 - 106)

Submit report by the Director of Social Work Services making recommendations on the level of grants payable to voluntary organisations.

9. SCOTTISH HEALTH AWARDS

(Page 107)

Submit report by the Director of Social Work Services advising that two of the Council's Social Work Joint Services Teams have been nominated finalists in a national competition.

10. HRA CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2004/2005 - BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT TO 15 SEPTEMBER 2004 (PERIOD 5)

(Pages 109 - 113)

Submit report by the Director of Housing and Technical Services advising of the progress of the HRA Capital Programme to 15 September 2004.

11. HOUSING – NON HRA REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGETARY CONTROL STATEMENT 2004/2005 TO 15 SEPTEMBER 2004 (PERIOD 5)

(Pages 115 - 124)

Submit report by the Director of Housing and Technical Services informing on how key elements within the Housing – Non HRA Revenue Account are performing against budget for the period ended 15 September 2004 (Period 5).

12. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT 2004/2005 BUDGETARY CONTROL STATEMENT TO 15 SEPTEMBER 2004 (PERIOD 5)

(Pages 125 - 128)

Submit report by the Director of Housing and Technical Services providing an update on the financial performance of the Housing Revenue Account for the period ended 15 September 2004 (Period 5).

13. HOUSING MAINTENANCE TRADING OPERATION 2004/2005 - FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE TO 15 SEPTEMBER 2004 (PERIOD 5)

(Pages 129 - 131)

Submit report by the Director of Housing and Technical Services presenting interim cumulative financial information for the period ending 15 September 2004 (Period 5).

14. RENT HARMONISATION

(Pages 133 - 134)

Submit report by the Director of Housing and Technical Services advising of the progress made in the introduction of the second stage of the rent harmonisation programme.

15. VOIDS AND LETTINGS

(Pages 135 - 142)

Submit report by the Director of Housing and Technical Services providing:-

- (a) details of void houses and their status as at 24 September 2004
- (b) an analysis of void houses by type and by area as at 24 September 2004
- (c) details of the number of void houses by Ward and by area as at 24 September 2004
- (d) an analysis of the number of void houses let for the period July to September 2004

16. HOUSING & COUNCIL TAX BENEFIT PERFORMANCE 2004/2005
(Pages 143 - 146)

Submit report by the Director of Housing and Technical Services providing an update on the Housing and Council Tax Benefit performance to the end of September 2004.

17. WAITING LIST FOR WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL HOUSES
(Pages 147 - 149)

Submit report by the Director of Housing and Technical Services providing a breakdown of the number of applicants on the waiting list for West Dunbartonshire Council houses and their present circumstances. In this respect, the information provided is as at 30 September 2004 and figures for the same period in 2003 are also included for comparison.

18. HOUSE SALES
(Pages 151 - 155)

Submit report by the Director of Housing and Technical Services providing information on West Dunbartonshire Council houses sold under the Right to Buy scheme between 1 April and 30 September 2004.

19. HOMELESSNESS STATISTICS
(Pages 157 - 160)

Submit report by the Director of Housing and Technical Services providing statistical information on homelessness applications in West Dunbartonshire in the second quarter of financial year 2004/2005 (July to September 2004) and giving a comparison with the same quarter in the previous two years.

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