

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton, G82 3PU

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MEETING: CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE

**WEDNESDAY, 21 JANUARY 2004
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS
STATION ROAD
DUMBARTON**

Dear Sir/Madam

Please attend a meeting of the **Children's Services Committee** to be held in the Council Chambers, Municipal Buildings, Station Road, Dumbarton on Wednesday, 21 January 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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AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (pages 1 – 6)

Submit for approval the Minutes of Meeting of the Children's Services Committee held on 19 November 2003.

3. CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF MILTON PRIMARY SCHOOL (pages 7 – 18)

Submit report by the Director of Education and Cultural Services seeking approval to issue the Consultative Document on the Proposed Closure of Milton Primary School.

4. PRESENTATION ON WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL'S CHILDREN'S SERVICES PLAN 2003-2004

Ms Winnie McHugh, Assistant Principal Officer (Strategy), Social Work and Housing Services, will give a presentation on West Dunbartonshire Council's Children's Services Plan.

5. EDUCATION (ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR LEARNING) (SCOTLAND) BILL (pages 19 – 46)

A presentation will be given by Ms Lynn Townsend, Acting Head of Service, Education and Cultural Services, on the new legislation related to meeting the needs of pupils with additional support learning needs, previously referred to as special educational needs.

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

6. YOUTH JUSTICE (pages 47 – 57)

A presentation will be given by Ms Anne Ritchie, Head of Social Work (Operations), on the work of the West Dunbartonshire Multi Agency Youth Justice Forum.

In this respect, submit a report by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services on (a) the work of the West Dunbartonshire Multi Agency Youth Justice Forum; (b) the expectations placed upon the Council and Partner Agencies by the Scottish Executive in relation to youth Justice; and (c) reporting on the specific funding allocated for this purpose.

7. STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAREERS SCOTLAND AND WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL 2003-2006 (pages 59 – 73)

A presentation will be given by Mr Danny Logue, Regional Manager (West), Careers Scotland on the Strategic Partnership Agreement for 2003-2006.

In this respect, submit report by the Director of Education and Cultural Services containing information on the Strategic Partnership Agreement for 2003-2006 between Careers Scotland and West Dunbartonshire Council and seeking approval for the partnership agreement for the period 2003-2006.

8. EDUCATION MATTERS: CONSULTATION WITH PUPILS AND YOUNG PEOPLE (pages 75 – 78)

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of the Children's Services Committee held on 17 September 2003, submit report by the Director of Education and Cultural Services advising Members of the outcome of consultation on the role of pupil representatives in relation to the business of the Children's Services Committee and making recommendations thereon.

9. BUILDING OUR FUTURE – SCHOOL ESTATE MANAGEMENT PLAN (pages 79 – 100)

In terms of remit from the Minutes of Meeting of the Council held on 17 December 2003, submit for information an excerpt minute together with a report by the Director of Education and Cultural Services on the "Building Our Future – Asset Management Plan" which was submitted to the Scottish Executive on 31 December 2003.

10. 2003-04 REVENUE ESTIMATES – BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1 APRIL TO 31 OCTOBER 2003 (pages 101 – 136)

Submit report by the Director of Education and Cultural Services providing information on expenditure and income to date within the Education and Cultural Services' approved budget for 2003-04.

11. UPDATE OF CAPITAL AND REVENUE BUILDING PROGRAMME 2003/2004 (pages 137 – 156)

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 attention to significant issues or problems with the progress of any particular project.

12. SURPLUS PROPERTY – TIED HOUSE (pages 157 – 158)

Submit report by the Director of Education and Cultural Services seeking approval to declare surplus the Janitor's house at Renton Primary School, Main Street, Renton, with the sole purpose of selling the property to the sitting tenant who has requested to purchase his tied house.

13. PROMOTING POSITIVE DISCIPLINE – PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT (pages 159 – 187)

Submit report by the Director of Education and Cultural Services providing an update on the progress within the Authority on promoting positive discipline and seeking retrospective approval for the progress report submitted to the Scottish Executive in November 2003.

14. ATTENDANCE AND ABSENCE IN SCOTTISH SCHOOLS (pages 189 – 214)

Submit report by the Director of Education and Cultural Services providing information on the attendance and absence figures for West Dunbartonshire schools in the session 2002/2003 and making recommendations thereon.

15. NATIONAL PRIORITIES: PUBLICATION OF THE NATIONAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2003 (pages 215 – 229)

Submit report by the Director of Education and Cultural Services informing Members of the publication of the National Priorities in Education Performance Report.

16. ASSESSMENT, TESTING AND REPORTING 3-14: CONSULTATION ON PARTNERSHIP COMMITMENTS (pages 231 – 241)

Submit report by the Director of Education and Cultural Services containing information on the national consultation on assessment, testing and reporting for children aged 3-14 and seeking retrospective approval for the response from West Dunbartonshire Council submitted to the Scottish Executive on 19 December 2003.

17. CHARTERMARK PILOT ASSESSMENT (pages 243 – 244)

Submit report by the Director of Education and Cultural Services containing information on the progress of a pilot Chartermark assessment programme in partnership with Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education and making recommendations thereon.

18. HER MAJESTY'S INSPECTORATE OF EDUCATION FOLLOW-THROUGH ARRANGEMENTS – HIGHDYKES PRIMARY SCHOOL (pages 245 – 269)

Submit report by the Director of Education and Cultural Services informing Members of the revised follow-through procedures adopted by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education (HMIE) following an inspection of a school and, in particular, seeking retrospective approval of the follow-through report on Highdykes Primary School published by West Dunbartonshire Council on 9 January 2004.

19. HER MAJESTY'S INSPECTORATE OF EDUCATION FOLLOW-THROUGH ARRANGEMENTS - KILPATRICK SCHOOL (pages 271 – 301)

Submit report by the Director of Education and Cultural Services informing Members of the revised follow-through procedures adopted by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education (HMIE) following an inspection of a school and, in particular, seeking retrospective approval of the follow-through report on Kilpatrick School published by West Dunbartonshire Council on 9 January 2004.

20. CONSULTATION: GAELIC LANGUAGE BILL (pages 303 – 307)

Submit report by the Director of Education and Cultural Services informing Members of West Dunbartonshire Council's response to the consultation on proposals for a Gaelic Language Bill and seeking retrospective approval for the return made to the Scottish Executive by the due date of 9 January 2004.

21. SCHOOL TRANSPORT TENDERING PROCEDURES SESSION 2004/2005 (pages 309 – 311)

Submit report by the Director of Education and Cultural Services containing information on the proposed timetable for the processing of tenders for Special Educational Needs and mainstream contracts and making recommendations thereon.

22. STAFFING POSITION (pages 313 – 315)

Submit report by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services advising of the current staffing position for qualified social work staff within the Department of Social Work and Housing Services.

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