

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services

Corporate and Efficient Governance Committee : 29 October 2008

Subject : Corporate Debt Policy

1. Purpose

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to update Committee on the progress of developing a Corporate Debt Policy.

2. Background

- 2.1** The Corporate and Efficient Governance Committee in August 2008 noted that the draft Corporate Debt Policy was being reviewed by relevant stakeholders and that a further report would be submitted to Committee in October at the conclusion of the consultation process.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1** An inter-departmental working group has been formed to lead the consultation process. Representatives from the Citizens Advice Bureau and the Independent Resource Centre participated in the group.
- 3.2** There is a seminar for elected Members on 22 October to review the draft policy and Members not able to attend the seminar have been provided with the opportunity to submit written comments.
- 3.3** A verbal update will be provided to Committee regarding the outcome of the Members' seminar.

4. Personnel Issues

- 4.1** There are no personnel issues.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1** The Council's ability to deliver services which meet the needs of its citizens depends heavily on its success in collecting revenues.

6. Risk Analysis

- 6.1** The Council has a fiduciary duty to collect all sums due to it. A corporate debt policy will seek to ensure the Council operates in a fair, equal and objective way when recovering debts.

7. Conclusions

- 7.1** The introduction of a corporate debt policy will seek to ensure the Council operates in a proper manner when recovering debts.

8. Recommendations

- 8.1** Members are asked to note the progress to date and to receive a verbal update on the outcome of the Members' seminar

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Wards Affected: All Wards

Appendix: None

Background Papers: No background papers

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