

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton G82 3PU

5 February 2004

MEETING: SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

**WEDNESDAY, 11 FEBRUARY 2004
COUNCIL CHAMBER
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS
DUMBARTON ROAD
CLYDEBANK**

Dear Member

Please attend a Meeting of the **Social Justice Committee** to be held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Dumbarton Road, Clydebank on Wednesday, 11 February 2004 at 10.00 a.m.

The business is as shown on the enclosed agenda.

Yours faithfully

TIM HUNTINGFORD

Chief Executive

NOTE: All Members of the Council are invited to attend the presentation on Tackling Domestic Abuse in West Dunbartonshire referred to in Item 3 of the agenda.

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SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE
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AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(Copy enclosure pages 1 - 10)

Submit, for approval as a correct record, Minutes of Meeting of the Social Justice Committee held on 10 December 2003.

3. TACKLING DOMESTIC ABUSE IN WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE: PRESENTATION

The Committee is advised that arrangements have been made for a joint presentation on Tackling Domestic Abuse in West Dunbartonshire to be made by:-

- Anni Donaldson / Maggi Meager WDDAP
- Clydebank Women's Aid
- Dumbarton District Women's Aid
- WDC Personnel Services

NOTE: All Members of the Council are invited to attend the presentation.

4. YOUTH JUSTICE

(Copy enclosure pages 11 - 21)

Submit report by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services advising the Committee of the work of the West Dunbartonshire Multi Agency Youth Justice Forum; the expectations placed upon the Council and Partner Agencies by the Scottish Executive in relation to Youth Justice; and reporting on the specific funding allocated for this purpose.

5. RESOURCE TRANSFER NHS ARGYLL & CLYDE

(Copy enclosure pages 23 - 26)

Submit report by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services advising on the current status of discussions and negotiations with NHS Argyll & Clyde relating to Resource Transfer issues at the Vale of Leven Hospital in Alexandria.

6. STAFFING POSITION

(Copy enclosure pages 27 - 29)

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.

7. AUDIT SCOTLAND PERFORMANCE REVIEW OF MANAGEMENT OF COMMUNITY EQUIPMENT & ADAPTATION SERVICES 2002/2003

(Copy enclosure pages 31 - 40)

Submit report by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services advising of the recent Audit Scotland review of the Management of Equipment & Adaptations and the subsequent action plan prepared in conjunction with Audit Scotland.

8. AMENDMENTS TO THE HOUSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2001 (HOUSING SUPPORT SERVICES) REGULATIONS 2002

(Copy enclosure pages 41 - 46)

Submit report by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services advising the Committee on proposed amendments to the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001 (Housing Support Services) Regulations 2002.

9. SENSORY IMPAIRMENT CONSULTATION AND NETWORKING EVENT

(Copy enclosure pages 47 - 49)

Submit report by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services advising of the Sensory Impairment Consultation and Networking Day hosted by West Dunbartonshire Council on 22 January 2004.

10. GYPSY/TRAVELLERS 'ENERGY & CARAVANS' RESEARCH PROJECT

(Copy enclosure pages 51 - 52)

Submit report by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services advising of the successful bid to Energy Savings Trust Scottish Projects Fund to fund the Gypsy/Travellers 'Energy & Caravans' Research Project.

11. CLYDEBANK HOUSING ASSOCIATION – MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

(Copy enclosure pages 53 - 54)

Submit report by the Chief Executive concerning a request from Clydebank Housing Association that consideration be given to the nomination of a member to represent the Council on the Management Committee of the Association.

12. HRA CAPITAL BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT: PERIOD 9, 2003/04

(Copy enclosure pages 55 - 58)

Submit report by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services advising of the progress of the HRA Capital Programme to 31 December 2003.

13. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGETARY POSITION 2003/04

(Copy enclosure pages 59 - 62)

Submit report by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services informing on how key elements within the Housing Revenue Account are performing against the projected outturn for the period ended 31 October 2003 (Period 9).

14. HOUSING MAINTENANCE DLO AND WINDOW FACTORY FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE - PERIOD 9, 2003/04

(Copy enclosure pages 63 - 65)

Submit report by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services presenting the interim cumulative financial information for the period from 1 April to 31 December 2003 (Period 9).

15. SOCIAL WORK AND HOUSING BUDGETARY POSITION 2003/04

(Copy enclosure pages 67 - 128)

Submit report by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services informing on how key elements within the Social Work and Housing (excluding HRA) departments are performing against probable outturn for the period ended 31 December 2003 (Period 9).

16. VOIDS AND LETTINGS

(Copy enclosure pages 129 - 134)

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

- (a) details of void figures at 31 December 2003
- (b) an analysis of voids at 31 December 2003
- (c) details of the number of voids per ward at 31 December 2003
- (d) an analysis of lets for the period October to December 2003

17. HOUSE WAITING LIST

(Copy enclosure pages 135 - 136)

Submit report by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services providing details of the number of applicants on the waiting list for West Dunbartonshire Council houses as at 31 December 2003. Information on waiting list trends is also included together with a note of figures for 2002/03 for comparison.

18. DEVELOPMENT OF A COMMON HOUSING REGISTER

(Copy enclosure pages 137 - 140)

Submit report by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services advising that West Dunbartonshire Council in partnership with local Registered Social Landlords (RSLs) is committed to the development of a Common Housing Register (CHR) as set out in the Scottish Executive's National Framework for CHRs, and has set up a Working Group to take this forward.

19. HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY

(Copy enclosure pages 141 - 142)

Submit report by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services updating the Committee on progress made on the development of West Dunbartonshire's Homelessness Strategy.

20. HOUSE SALES

(Copy enclosure pages 143 - 147)

Submit report by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services providing details of houses sold to sitting tenants under the Right to Buy between 1 April and 31 December 2003. Information on trends in house sales is also included together with a note of sales in the previous financial year for comparison.

21. HOUSING BENEFIT AND COUNCIL TAX BENEFIT

(Copy enclosure pages 149 - 153)

Submit report by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services providing details of the time taken to process claims for housing benefit and council tax benefit, and of the case load administered by the benefits section. This report covers the period from 1 April to 31 December 2003.

22. ANTI-SOCIAL INVESTIGATION AND SUPPORT TEAM

(Copy enclosure pages 155 - 160)

Submit report by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services providing a statistical update on the work undertaken by the Anti-Social Investigation and Support Team (ASIST).

23. SINGERS AND PLAYERS

(Copy enclosure pages 161 - 173)

Submit report by the Director of Education and Cultural Services informing of progress made in delivering the Singers and Players project.

24. THE CLYDEBANK STORY – WEBSITE

(Copy enclosure pages 175 - 177)

Submit report by the Director of Education and Cultural Services informing of the proposal presented to West Dunbartonshire Council Library Service to enter into partnership with The Glasgow Story consortium in order to set up a web-site entitled *TheClydebankStory*, containing illustrated stories about the history and heritage of Clydebank.

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