

Agenda



Meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council

Date: Thursday, 31 May 2018

Time: 14:00

Venue: Council Chamber, Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton

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Dear Member

Please attend a meeting of **West Dunbartonshire Council** as detailed above.
The business is shown on the attached agenda.

Yours faithfully

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Chief Executive

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Provost William Hendrie
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Councillor Jim Bollan
Councillor Jim Brown
Councillor Gail Casey
Councillor Karen Conaghan
Councillor Ian Dickson
Councillor Diane Docherty
Councillor Jim Finn
Councillor Daniel Lennie
Councillor Caroline McAllister
Councillor Douglas McAllister
Councillor David McBride
Councillor Jonathan McColl
Councillor Iain McLaren
Councillor Marie McNair
Councillor John Millar
Councillor John Mooney
Councillor Lawrence O'Neill
Councillor Sally Page
Councillor Martin Rooney
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Chief Executive
Strategic Director of Transformation & Public Service Reform
Strategic Director of Regeneration, Environment & Growth
Chief Officer of West Dunbartonshire Health & Social Care Partnership

Date of issue: 18 May 2018

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

THURSDAY, 31 MAY 2018

AGENDA

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4 OPEN FORUM

(a) Andrew Muir, Dumbarton – Social Work Complaints Review Sub-Committee

I would like the following question asked at the next meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council on May 31st.

Q. When a complaint is made to the council about the services provided by the social work department, a sub-committee is set up to investigate this matter. What criteria are used to determine the membership of the sub-committee and what steps are taken to ensure that members of the sub-committee do not have a conflict of interest when arriving at their findings?

(b) Craig Edward, Clydebank – Dalmuir Public Park Zero Cuts Petition

The SNP, Conservatives and Independent Councillor Agnew voted for greenspace budget cuts at the budget setting meeting on 05 March 2018. This followed a public survey which did not allow the option of zero cuts, and people participating in the survey were forced to select a cut.

Specifically, Dalmuir Public Park has seen a reduction of flower beds and a reduced grass cutting service as a result. A petition was created asking for the Council to maintain Dalmuir Public Park to the standard prior to the budget cuts approved. The petition received massive support from the public, with 2,172 signatures against any reduction of service at the Park. Furthermore, there have been public meetings/rallies organised by the Joint Trade Unions of West Dunbartonshire, calling for a reversal to all cuts which include the cuts to our Parks.

West Dunbartonshire Council's Social & Economic Profile 2017 estimate the Clydebank population to be 42,953. Therefore, the petition is statistically significant at 5% of the population and cannot be ignored.

To put this into perspective, the entire budget consultation attracted 2,733 responses which is one of the Council's biggest consultations in its history. This amounted to 3% of the population which the council described as "statistically significant".

Based on this evidence, I would like to ask the following question:

Will Councillors suspend standing orders and reverse the budget cut to greenspace, and specifically the flower bed displays not only at Dalmuir Public Park, but all Parks across the Authority?

5 GLASGOW CITY REGION CITY DEAL - UPDATE 21 - 27

Submit report by the Strategic Lead – Regeneration on the progress with the implementation of the Glasgow City Region, City Deal and the Council's City Deal project.

6 LOCAL SCRUTINY PLAN 2018-19 29 - 43

Submit report by the Chief Executive providing information on the Local Scrutiny Plan for 2018-19.

7 NOTICES OF MOTION

(a) Motion by Councillor Jim Bolland – Equal Pay for WDC Workers

Council agrees to review the issues surrounding equal pay for WDC workers.

Council is aware hundreds of low paid, particularly women, workers who would have been entitled to a payment for various valid reasons did not submit claims on time and missed out on equal pay payouts.

Council calls on the CEO to compile a report giving the numbers of workers who missed out on such a payment, with average potential costs had all these claims been approved and made timeously.

The CEO should report back to the June 2018 Council Meeting.

Note: Suspension of Standing Order 20 will be required to allow consideration of the following motion.

(b) Motion by Councillor Jonathan McColl – Trade Union Conveners

The Administration, having reviewed feedback from staff and members of the public following the budget decision to consult on publicly funded Trade Union Convener hours, announced on 16th April 2018 that we were ending the consultation and would take steps to reverse this proposed cut.

Council agrees with the Administration's decision and asks that £50,000 from the reserve earmarked for use as the "Change Fund" be reallocated and used to fund this policy decision in the 2018/19 financial year. Officers should include this money mainlined in the budget book for future years going forward.

(c) Motion by Councillor Marie McNair – Clydebank Group Holidays – 30th Anniversary

This Council congratulates Clydebank Group Holidays on their 30th Anniversary.

Council commends the selfless efforts of the group in providing low cost holidays to many who would be unable to afford to meet the costs on their own.

Provost Hendrie has agreed to host a civic reception to honour the work carried out by the group, this will take place at a date and time to be arranged in consultation with the group.

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

At the Meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council held in the Council Chambers, Clydebank Town Hall, Dumbarton Road, Clydebank on Wednesday, 28 March 2018 at 2.00 p.m.

Present: Provost William Hendrie, Bailie Denis Agnew and Councillors Jim Bollan, Jim Brown, Gail Casey, Karen Conaghan, Ian Dickson, Diane Docherty, Jim Finn, Daniel Lennie, Caroline McAllister, David McBride, Jonathan McColl, Iain McLaren, Marie McNair, John Millar, John Mooney, Lawrence O'Neill, Sally Page, Martin Rooney and Brian Walker

Attending: Joyce White, Chief Executive; Angela Wilson, Strategic Director - Transformation & Public Service Reform; Richard Cairns, Strategic Director – Regeneration, Environment & Growth; Beth Culshaw, Chief Officer, West Dunbartonshire Health & Social Care Partnership; Peter Hessematt, Strategic Lead – Regulatory; Stephen West, Strategic Lead – Resources; Malcolm Bennie, Strategic Lead – Communications, Culture & Communities; Victoria Rogers, Strategic Lead – People and Technology, Peter Barry, Strategic Lead – Housing & Employability; Ronnie Dinnie, Strategic Lead – Environment & Neighbour, Jim McAloon, Strategic Lead – Regeneration; Pamela Clifford, Planning & Building Standards Manager; Bernard Darroch, Lead Planning Officer; Raymond Walsh, Roads & Transportation Manager; Michael McGuinness, Economic Development Manager; and Christine McCaffary, Senior Democratic Services Officer.

Apologies: An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Douglas McAllister.

Provost William Hendrie in the Chair

URGENT ITEM OF BUSINESS TRADES UNION CONVENERS POSTS

Provost Hendrie advised that he had received a request from Councillor McBride for Council to consider an urgent motion on the delaying of the budget decision on the Trades Union Conveners' posts.

The Provost stated that he did not consider the matter to be urgent as negotiations were ongoing and that the motion would therefore not be considered.

VARIATION IN ORDER OF BUSINESS

After hearing Provost Hendrie it was noted that the order of business was varied as hereinafter recorded.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors McColl and Bollan declared non pecuniary interests in Item 11 – DC17/140 – Land at Young's Farm, Renton Road, Dumbarton by DFC Community Stadium Company Ltd., stating that they would leave the Council Chamber and take no part in the discussion or decision made.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council held on 5 March 2018 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

MINUTES OF AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Minutes of Meeting of the Audit Committee held on 21 March 2018 were submitted for information and where necessary ratification.

OPEN FORUM

Provost Hendrie advised that an Open Forum question had been received from Mr Andrew Muir in connection with the Christie Ward, Vale of Leven Hospital.

Mr Muir read out his question:-

The Christie Ward at the Vale of Leven Hospital was open from 1997 to 2010 to care for people with mental health issues. Will the council please ensure that an investigation takes place to determine whether any patients in the Christie Ward suffered inhuman or degrading treatment taking due account of the judgment in the case of *Gorobet v Moldova*. In that judgment the European Court of Human Rights ruled that forced treatment which had not been shown to be a medical necessity could amount at least to degrading treatment within the meaning of Article 3 of the Convention which prohibits in absolute terms such treatment irrespective of the circumstances and the victims' behaviour.

Councillor McColl provided the following response:-

This would not be a matter for the Council.

I would suggest that you contact the Minister for Mental Health, Maureen Watt MSP who may be able to assist with your query.

I am happy to provide you with contact details should you need them.

As a supplementary question Mr Muir asked:-

I disagree that this is not a Council issue. West Dunbartonshire officers were involved and I ask that an investigation be carried out.

Councillor McColl advised that he would provide Mr Muir with a reply to his supplementary question in due course.

Note:- Councillors McColl and Bollan left the meeting at this point.

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RESTAURANT, HOSPITALITY AND FUNCTION SUITES), RESIDENTIAL
DEVELOPMENT, COMMERCIAL AND TOURISM DEVELOPMENT, FLOODLIT
SPORTS PITCHES, ACCESS, PARKING, AND LANDSCAPING ON LAND AT
YOUNG'S FARM, RENTON ROAD, DUMBARTON BY DFC COMMUNITY STADIUM
COMPANY LTD**

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead – Regulatory informing Council of the outcome and recommendation of the Planning Committee on 21 March 2018.

A presentation was given by the Planning & Building Standards Manager, who was then heard in answer to Members' questions.

Responses to Members' questions were also provided by the Lead Planning Officer and the Roads & Transportation Manager.

Councillor Finn, seconded by Bailie Agnew moved:-

That Council agree the recommendation in the report that Council refuse planning permission for the reasons set out in Section 9 of the report submitted to the Planning Committee on 21 March 2018, and shown as an appendix to these minutes.

As an amendment Councillor O'Neill, seconded by Councillor Mooney moved:-

That Council agree to grant planning permission in principle, with the condition that the application for full planning permission be considered at a future meeting of the Planning Committee.

At the request of Councillor O'Neill the Council proceeded by way of a roll call vote.

On a vote being taken 9 members, namely Councillors Conaghan, Dickson, Lennie, Caroline McAllister, McBride, Millar, Mooney, O'Neill and Rooney voted for the amendment and 10 Members, namely Provost Hendrie, Bailie Agnew and Councillors Brown, Casey, Docherty, Finn, McLaren, McNair, Page and Walker voted for the motion which was accordingly declared carried.

Note:- Councillors McColl and Bollan returned to the meeting at this point.

ADJOURNMENT

The Provost adjourned the meeting for a period of 5 minutes, reconvening at 3.28 p.m. with all Members noted in the sederunt present.

CASUAL AND SUPPLY WORKERS

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead – People and Technology providing information in response to the motion agreed by Council on 20 December 2017.

Councillor Dickson moved the recommendations of the report, namely:-

That Council agrees:-

- (1) that the use of casual and supply workers continues in the manner described in Section 4 of the report, ensuring that alternatives are properly explored and utilised where more appropriate; and

- (2) to note the following in relation to the motion:

the Council already exceeds its statutory obligations in terms of casual/supply workers engaged by the organisation;

there is an existing process in place to ensure that casual/supply workers are offered temporary or fixed-term contracts in circumstances where they have been engaged continuously for more than one month and there is an ongoing requirement thereafter. Full employment rights would then apply (note, until this point, these workers do not have employee status);

a complaints procedure for this group of workers has been developed and discussed with the trades unions. This procedure is based on the ACAS recommended process and includes a right of appeal.

there are provisions which apply only to employees, and, if extended to 'workers'; would potentially give rise to an unnecessary 'employment relationship', thereby removing flexibility for both parties and introducing unnecessary complexities. In considering access to occupational annual leave entitlement (beyond the statutory provision), occupational maternity/paternity/parental leave additional costs have been assumed at the level incurred for employees (where possible); and

any casual/supply workers engaged for a Council role in HSCP and all those engaged within WDLT are already/would be covered by our

existing policies. Council would have no locus to expect NHS Scotland to adopt a policy set by a different employer.

As an amendment Councillor Mooney moved:-

That Council agrees that any decisions are subject to negotiations with Trades Unions and that a subsequent report be brought back to Council.

At this point in the meeting, Councillor Dickson's motion was seconded by Councillor McColl and Councillor Mooney's amendment was seconded by Councillor Casey.

As a second amendment Councillor Bollan, seconded by Councillor O'Neill moved:-

Because of the conclusions in the report in front of us:

Council agrees from 1.5.2018 to define all workers who have worked for at least 4 weeks for the Council on any type of zero hours contract including Casual Workers, Sessional Workers or Temp Workers as Employees giving them in so far as the law and any national agreements permit the same legal protection and employment rights as permanent contracted employees.

Council further agrees that every newly classed employee from 1.5.2018 will have a minimum number of hours per week stated in their contract, after agreement with the employing department.

From 1.5.2018 all the newly classed employees must receive pro rata sick pay and have access to the full grievance procedures not the watered-down ACAS version.

Any additional costs for 2018/19 to be taken from reserves.

On a vote being taken between the first amendment (Councillor Mooney) and the second amendment (Councillor Bollan), 1 Member voted for the second amendment and 7 for the first amendment.

On a further vote being taken between the first amendment (Councillor Mooney) and the motion (Councillor Dickson), 9 Members voted for the amendment and 12 for the motion, which was accordingly declared carried.

SHARED SERVICES IMPLEMENTATION – ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION

A report was submitted by the Strategic Director - Transformation & Public Service Reform on the above.

Councillor McColl, seconded by Bailie Agnew moved:-

That the Council agrees:-

- (1) to note the Detailed Business Case in Appendix 1 to the report in respect of Inverclyde and West Dunbartonshire Councils and its recommendations to progress a shared service for Roads and Transportation Services on a Lead (Host) authority model;
- (2) the implementation of a formal shared Roads and Transportation service commencing on 1 April 2018 between Inverclyde Council and West Dunbartonshire Council with Inverclyde as Lead Authority;
- (3) to note the appointment of a lead officer by Inverclyde Council through a recruitment panel process supported by both Councils; and
- (4) to note that the Shared Services Joint Committee will be updated on the agreement between Inverclyde and West Dunbartonshire and advised of any governance arrangements necessary in consequence.

As an amendment Councillor O'Neill, seconded by Councillor Bollan moved:-

That the Council agrees to continue consideration of the report until full and final agreement with the Trades Unions has been reached and information on East Dunbartonshire Council's position is known.

At the request of Councillor O'Neill the Council proceeded by way of a roll call vote.

On a vote being taken 8 members, namely Councillors Bollan, Casey, Lennie, McBride, Millar, Mooney, O'Neill and Rooney voted for the amendment and 13 Members, namely Provost Hendrie, Bailie Agnew and Councillors Brown, Conaghan, Dickson, Docherty, Finn, Caroline McAllister, McColl, McLaren, McNair, Page and Walker voted for the motion which was accordingly declared carried.

GENERAL SERVICES – BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT PERIOD 11

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead – Resources on the above.

The Council agreed:-

- (1) to note that the revenue account currently shows a projected annual favourable variance of £0.267m (0.13% of the total budget); and
- (2) to note that the capital account shows a projected annual favourable variance of £42.546m (45.38% of the budget) and a projected project life adverse variance of £2.557m (0.82% of project life budget).

HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT – BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT – PERIOD 11

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead – Housing & Employability on the above.

After discussion and having heard the Strategic Lead in answer to Members' questions, the Council agreed:-

- (1) to note the projected favourable revenue variance of £0.200m (0.5%); and
- (2) to note the position advised in relation to the capital budget which is currently projecting an in-year favourable variance of £11.144m (36.4%), of which £11.626m (38.0%) relates to project re-phasing and an in-year overspend of £0.482m (1.6%).

REVISING THE INTEGRATION SCHEME

A report was submitted by the Interim Head of Strategy, Planning and Health Improvement on new duties to support the implementation of the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016.

After discussion and having heard the Chief Officer, West Dunbartonshire Health & Social Care Partnership, the Council agreed:-

- (1) to note the implementation of the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 and its impact on the functions delegated to Integrated Joint Boards outlined in the Integration Scheme. Integration schemes are the legal documents which outline the functions and duties delegated to the Joint Boards from the NHS Boards and Local Authorities;
- (2) to approve the joint working between the Health Board and local authorities to prepare the revised Integration Schemes to reflect the statutory changes outlined and to submit these to the Scottish ministers by 2 March 2018;
- (3) to jointly approve with NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde the attached amendments to the listed Integration Schemes in accordance with The Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Prescribed Local Authority Functions etc.) (Scotland) Amendment (No.2) Regulations 2017 with six local authorities listed. (Paragraph 3.4 in the paper); and
- (4) to jointly approve with NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde the attached amendments to the listed Integration Schemes in accordance with The Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Prescribed Health Board Functions) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 with the five local authorities in NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde area.

NOTICES OF MOTION

- (a) Motion by Councillor Jim Bollan – Our Lady & St. Patrick's High School – 4G Pitch**

Councillor Bollan seconded by Councillor O'Neill moved:-

A report with costs for the undernoted proposals should be brought to the next cycle of appropriate Committees for consideration.

Council is minded to provide free access to the OLSP 4G football pitch in Bellsmyre and to all other Council owned synthetic football pitches for all local school children who are not members of organised Clubs.

The OLSP facility should be available Mon - Fri from 7pm to 10pm, which is after school hours use, subject to Club bookings of the facility. Access times and conditions for all other synthetic football pitches should be the same as OLSP, unless different local arrangements are agreed on a case for case basis. This facility is state of the art and use of it should be maximised to ensure positive activities for local school children in terms of healthy exercise and sports development. Council requests the Leisure Trust to provide the same free access and arrangements for all synthetic football pitches they manage for WDC.

As an amendment Councillor McLaren, seconded by Councillor McColl moved that no action be taken.

On a vote being taken 11 Members voted for the amendment and 10 for the motion. The amendment was accordingly declared carried.

(b) Motion by Councillor Jonathan McColl – Communications, Museums & Cultural Development Committee

Councillor McColl moved:-

Council agrees that the Communications, Museums and Cultural Development Committee will be renamed the Cultural Committee.

The Council approved the motion.

The meeting closed at 4.52 p.m.

DC17/140: Mixed use development incorporating a football stadium and associated uses (including restaurant, hospitality and function suites), residential development, commercial and tourism development, floodlit sports pitches, access, parking, and landscaping on land at Young's Farm, Renton Road, Dumbarton by DFC Community Stadium Company Ltd.

9. REASONS FOR REFUSAL

1. The site is in the green belt and the development is not in accordance with Policy 14 and Box 2 of Diagram 10 in Clydeplan as no further sites are required to be allocated in order to fulfil the housing land supply targets within West Dunbartonshire.
2. The site is in the green belt and remote from the existing urban area. It is an inappropriate location for housing development and the proposal is therefore contrary to the principles of Scottish Planning Policy.
3. The site is remote from the existing urban area and is contrary to policies GB1, RD1, H2 GD1, R3, E9, T1 and T4 of the adopted West Dunbartonshire Local Plan 2010 in terms of being housing in the green belt. It is an inappropriate location and would set an unacceptable precedent for the release of further housing land within the green belt.
4. There is no requirement for additional green belt land to be identified to meet the strategic housing requirement. The proposal is therefore contrary to policies DS2, DS3, BC1, BC2 and GN4 of the West Dunbartonshire Local Development Plan (Proposed Plan) in terms of housing development in the green belt which is an inappropriate location and would set an unacceptable precedent for the release of further housing land within the green belt.
5. The proposal is not in accordance with the specific requirements of the relevant 'Changing Place' section contained within the West Dunbartonshire Local Development Plan (Proposed Plan).
6. The development site is remote and is not easily accessible by active travel or sustainable means of transport and insufficient information has been submitted to demonstrate that the existing road network can accommodate the development. The proposal is therefore contrary to policies T1 and T4 of the adopted West Dunbartonshire Local Plan 2010 and policy DS3 of the West Dunbartonshire Local Development Plan (Proposed Plan).

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WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

At the Requisitioned Meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council held in the Council Chambers, Clydebank Town Hall, Dumbarton Road, Clydebank on Monday, 9 April 2018 at 9.00 a.m.

Present: Provost William Hendrie, Bailie Denis Agnew and Councillors Jim Bollan, Jim Brown, Gail Casey, Karen Conaghan, Ian Dickson, Diane Docherty, Jim Finn, Daniel Lennie, Caroline McAllister, David McBride, Jonathan McColl, Iain McLaren, Marie McNair, John Millar, John Mooney, Lawrence O'Neill and Martin Rooney.

Attending: Joyce White, Chief Executive; Richard Cairns, Strategic Director – Regeneration, Environment & Growth; Stephen West, Strategic Lead – Resources; Victoria Rogers, Strategic Lead – People and Technology; Laura Mason, Chief Education Officer; Alan Douglas Manager – Legal Services and Christine McCaffary, Senior Democratic Services Officer.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Douglas McAllister, Sally Page and Brian Walker.

Provost William Hendrie in the Chair

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Provost Hendrie advised that to accommodate the members of the public present he was adjourning the meeting for a period of 15 minutes to allow relocation to the Grand Hall.

The meeting reconvened at 9.13 a.m. in the Grand Hall with all those members noted in the sederunt present.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Bollan, Casey, Mooney and Docherty declared interests in Item 4 – Trade Union Convenor Facility Time, all being members of Unite.

Councillors McColl, Lennie, McNair and O'Neill declared interests in Item 4 – Trade Union Convenor Facility Time, all being members of Unison.

Councillors McBride and Millar declared interests in Item 4 – Trade Union Convenor Facility Time, both being members of PCS.

Councillor McLaren declared an interest in Item 4 – Trade Union Convenor Facility Time being a member of the NUJ.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Councillor McColl moved that the Council agree not to exclude the press and public from the meeting during consideration of the Item 4 - Trade Union Convenor Facility Time.

The Council agreed accordingly and copies of the report by the Strategic Lead – People and Technology relating to Item 4 were circulated to the press and public present.

URGENT ITEM OF BUSINESS FIRE SAFETY

The Provost advised that he had received a request from Councillor O'Neill for Council to consider a motion relating to fire safety and that the matter would be considered at the end of the business noted on the agenda.

Copies of the motion were circulated to those present.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

The Council agreed to the suspension of Standing Order 20(a) to allow consideration of the following item of business.

TRADE UNION CONVENOR FACILITY TIME

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead – People and Technology providing information in response to the savings option agreed at the Council meeting of 5 March 2018.

Councillor McBride, seconded by Councillor Rooney moved:-

In terms of Standing Order No.3(b) Councillors David McBride, Martin Rooney, John Mooney, Lawrence O'Neill, Gail Casey, Daniel Lennie, Jim Bolland and John Millar have submitted the following:-

Council notes the Council Budget decision to cut the Trade Union Convenor Facility Time.

Section 11 of the current Agreement states review or amendment must be subject to joint negotiations.

Council instructs Officers that no action will take place to implement the budget decision until formal negotiations take place?

This includes one to one career discussions with current post holders until negotiations conclude.

Extract from Facilities Agreement

AMENDMENT OR REVIEW OF AGREEMENT

11.1 Either side may submit proposals in order to amend this agreement. Such proposals will be in writing to the sides concerned, and will be the subject of joint negotiations.

11.2 The policy will be updated to incorporate any relevant change to legislation or best practice as required.

As an amendment Councillor McColl, seconded by Bailie Agnew moved:-

Council notes that the decision on Trade Union Conveners was not implemented on April 1st 2018 and will be implemented on completion of negotiations with Trade Unions. This is in line with the Council's budget document which clearly states that the budget is subject to "consultation with the Trade Unions as appropriate."

As outlined in the report, one to one discussions with Conveners have already taken place and should continue to take place. It is the right of each individual employee to get advice and information from their manager and Council agrees we have no right to deny them the opportunity to discuss their employment and all available options with their employer.

Council notes that negotiations are ongoing with the next meeting scheduled to take place on April 18th 2018 and will be concluded either when the Joint Trade Unions agree how the 2 FTE is to be split or the Corporate Services Committee makes a final decision at its May meeting.

At the request of Councillor O'Neill the Council proceeded by way of a roll call vote.

On a vote being taken 11 members, namely Provost Hendrie, Bailie Agnew and Councillors Brown, Conaghan, Dickson, Docherty, Finn, Caroline McAllister, McColl, McLaren and McNair voted for the amendment and 8 Members, namely Councillors Bolla, Casey, Lennie, McBride, Millar, Mooney, O'Neill and Rooney voted for the motion.

The amendment was accordingly declared carried.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

The Council agreed to suspend Standing Order 8 to allow the following item of business to be considered.

URGENT ITEM OF BUSINESS

Councillor O'Neill moved:-

This Council is concerned that over 800 fire safety failures were identified across 33 Council properties in late 2017.

Council calls on the Chief Executive to provide a report or a briefing note to all Elected Members as a matter of urgency.

The Briefing Note should include the actions taken to date to mitigate the risks to health and safety of staff, pupils and visitors to public buildings such as schools and community centres.

The report should ensure that an effective process for addressing future Fire Safety concerns is put in place as a matter of urgency.

We also seek assurances that all outstanding significant safety matters particularly in our schools are addressed before the schools return next week.

The Council agreed the above motion.

The meeting closed at 10.19 a.m.

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**Report by the Strategic Lead for Regeneration****Council: 31 May 2018**

Subject: Glasgow City Region City Deal – Update**1. Purpose**

- 1.1** To note the progress with the implementation of the Glasgow City Region, City Deal and the Council's City Deal project.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1** It is recommended that Council:

- i) notes the progress of the Glasgow City Region (GCR) City Deal, and
- ii) notes progress with the Council's project for the Exxon site.

3. Background

- 3.1** The Glasgow City Region City Deal Infrastructure programme equates to £1.13bn of investment for over 20 projects over a ten year period. These projects are progressing and have reached various stages from Strategic, Outline and Full Business cases stages of approval.
- 3.2** The Outline Business Case (OBC) for the Exxon site project was approved at Council on 22 February 2017 and at the City Region Cabinet on 11 April 2017. Work towards development of a refreshed Outline Business Case is progressing and the development of a Final Business Case is due at the end of December 2019.

4. Main Issues

- 4.1** The Final Business Case (FBC) for the Council's infrastructure project at the Exxon site is due for completion in December 2019. The maximum budget available for the production of the FBC is £2.948m.
- 4.2** Following the evaluation of all City Deal Outline Business Cases by consultants Ekos Limited to ensure the business cases are HM Green Book compliant the Exxon Project OBC, approved in 2014, will be revisited and updated. The refreshed OBC will be presented to Council and subsequently the GCR Chief Executive Group for approval. Given that detailed designs for accessing the site are now resolved and are more complex than the original concepts and that more information is now available concerning flood alleviation requirements it is likely that additional GCR budget will be sought to deliver the Exxon project.

5. Glasgow City Region City Deal Update

5.1 The Glasgow City Region, Chief Executives Group on 29 March 2018 approved the following projects:

- i) Glasgow City Council: Clyde Waterfront & West End Innovation Quarter - Central Govan Action Plan - Public Realm (Phase 1) Full Business Case (FBC) with a funding requirement of £0.673m. This funding will be used towards improvements to public realm including pedestrian and cycle routes;
- ii) Glasgow City Council: Canal and North Gateway - FBC 3 - Sighthill; Cowlares Bridge; Port Dundas; and 100 Acre Hill with a funding requirement of £10.8m. This funding will deliver the remediation and servicing of a brownfield site at 100 Acre Hill, and the construction of a new road bridge over the Glasgow to Edinburgh railway line;
- iii) Glasgow City Council: Canal and North Gateway - FBC 4 - North Glasgow Integrated Water Management System (NGIWMS) with a funding requirement of £4.386m. This funding will deliver a surface water drainage solution for key development sites in the Canal and North Gateway project area; and,
- iv) Glasgow City Council: City Centre Enabling Infrastructure Integrated Public Realm - Intelligent Street Lighting - FBC - with a funding requirement of £1.662m. This funding will deliver 3,300 LED lamp replacements with wireless communications capability, and a central management system.

5.2 The Glasgow City Region Cabinet on 10 April 2018 was asked by the CEG to approve the following project:

- i) North Lanarkshire Council - Outline Business Case (OBC) - Motherwell Town Centre Transport Interchange with a funding of £1.335m to create an improved multi-modal transport interchange on Muir Street to improve access to Motherwell Station, enhance the interchange between car/bus/bike and train and expand park and ride provision.

5.3 Glasgow City Regional Partnership- Governance

- 5.3.1** A report was approved by Cabinet on 10 April 2018 regarding the amended structure and roles and remits for the GCR through the establishment of a Glasgow City Region Partnership. This would be aligned to the proposals that emerged from the Scottish Government's Enterprise and Skills Review Phase 2, and the delivery of the Glasgow City Region Economic Strategy and Action Plan.
- 5.3.2** The report built upon recent policy developments which had an impact upon the Glasgow City Region (GCR), namely; the proposals around Regional

Partnerships, the delivery of the GCR Economic Strategy and Action Plan and the continuing delivery of the GCR City Deal projects.

- 5.3.3** Cabinet approved a proposal to establish a Glasgow City Regional Partnership and to amend the existing GCR City Deal structures and meeting frequency, including a number of roles and remits, and that the Director of Regional Economic Growth would develop a revised meeting timetable to reflect the new structure.

5.4 Glasgow City Region Education Improvement Collaborative

- 5.4.1** Following the submission of the Improvement Plan in January 2018, the Glasgow City Region Education Improvement Collaborative (GCREIC), known as the West Partnership has been working to develop actions across the three initial workstreams outlined in the plan.
- 5.4.2** Each of the workstreams is led by a member of the Partnership with Glasgow City Council, leading the improvement workstream; South Lanarkshire Council, leading the learner journey workstream; and West Dunbartonshire Council, leading the early learning and childcare workstream.
- 5.4.3** The workstreams have established a number of working groups, reporting to the appointed lead officer. The working groups are comprised of a mix of officers and teaching staff from across the eight partner authorities. Each working group is developing a series of action plans to achieve the aims set out in the initial Improvement Plan.
- 5.4.4** In addition, alongside Education Scotland, the West Partnership has held two one-day conferences with senior teaching staff from across the region, allowing opportunities to discuss the Improvement Plan. Feedback from these conferences will inform future Improvement Plan development.

5.5 Glasgow City Region Internal Audit Plan

- 5.5.1** At its meeting in April 2016, the Cabinet agreed the appointment of Glasgow City Council's Internal Audit department to provide the Internal Audit function. The Head of Audit and Inspection prepares an annual internal audit plan which is subject to consideration and approval by the Cabinet. Internal Audit complies with the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards, with an external quality assessment undertaken in 2016 which confirmed this. The audit plan has been prepared and will be undertaken in accordance with the Standards.
- 5.5.2** In developing the internal audit plan, Glasgow City Internal Audit has:
- consulted relevant senior officers of the City Deal Project Management Office;
 - considered the risks affecting the Cabinet;
 - considered both internal and external factors affecting the City Deal

- programme; and
- considered previous audit findings.

5.5.3 The Public Sector Internal Audit Standards require that the audit plan should be kept under review to reflect any changing priorities and emerging risks. Glasgow City Internal Audit will ensure the plan remains relevant and reflects any changes to the inherent risks which may impact on the Cabinet. The Cabinet will be asked to approve any material adjustments to the audit plan.

5.6 Glasgow City Region – Local Evaluation Plan

5.6.1 The purpose of the Local Evaluation Plan (LEP) is to set out the approach that will be undertaken by Glasgow City Region (the authorities and the Programme Management Office (PMO)) and the National Evaluation Panel, in order to prepare a Gateway Review Report that will identify and highlight the progress and positive achievements of the City Deal by Gateway Review 1 (GR). The plan is available as a background report.

5.6.2 The Gateway Review Report will be prepared and drafted by the National Evaluation Panel, to which the consultants SQW have been appointed as the lead organisation, and submitted to the UK Government in December 2019. The National Evaluation Panel process applies to 11 localities across the UK with infrastructure investment funds.

5.6.3 The Local Evaluation Plan and the role of the National Evaluation Panel are currently restricted to only GR1. The mechanisms for gateway reviews 2 & 3 have not yet been proposed by the UK Government.

5.6.4 The first draft of the LEP was provided to the PMO by SQW in late December 2017. Each updated version of the document has been shared with all Member Authorities (MAs) and their comments and feedback have been taken into account in the development of the Plan.

5.7 Finance Group Update

5.7.1 The revised Assurance Framework is being finalised and is planned to be brought to the August 2018 Cabinet meeting, along with revised Business Case guidance to meet the Governments' expectations.

5.7.2 Grant funds for 2017/18 will be paid once actual spend for the year has been finalised.

5.8 Labour Market Working Group (LMG) Update

5.8.1 For the current reporting period (24 August 2015 - 23 April 2018), the City Deal Working Matters programme in West Dunbartonshire has engaged with 146 residents. Of these, 120 have been taking part in barrier removal

and skills development activities. Currently 8 job outcomes have been achieved.

- 5.8.2** The Council has been working with clients to overcome a range of barriers. The team have had a successful working partnership with CHCP Work Connect, with a total of 31 clients being referred for a 6 week programme of 1-1 assessment, goal identification and low- level psychological interventions, as well as group work activities in catering and horticulture. Positive feedback has been received from participants and some have been referred by Work Connect into mainstream mental health provision. The Council hosted 2 Masters level Occupational Therapy students on placement from Glasgow Caledonian University. They undertook group and 1-1 activities with Working Matters clients to identify needs and put in place occupation based activities, which brought additional support for participants.
- 5.8.3** Referrals to the programme came to an end on 29 March 2018. Case Managers will now be able to concentrate on moving existing clients into work in the final year and have planned a programme of job-related activities for participants. With a remaining target of 21 jobs over the next 12 months the Council is aiming to achieve an average of 2 job outcomes a month. There is also an opportunity to bid for additional money due to underspend across the region and the Council will be submitting a bid to fund more explicit employability related activities.

5.9 Housing and Equalities group update

- 5.9.1** West Dunbartonshire Council Leads on the Housing and Equalities Portfolio for the City Region. Following the appointment to the PMO of staff to lead on the development of the portfolios, the first formal meeting of the group was held on 21 March 2018. As a result, discussions are at an early stage and the meeting focused on the role and remit of the group and the key priorities for a future implementation plan. Report on progress of this group will be presented to the Cabinet in June 2018.

6. West Dunbartonshire Council City Deal Project

- 6.1** The Council City Deal project for the Exxon site currently has approved funding of £27.897m. Various technical investigative works have progressed since 2014 and following the review of the OBC to ensure it is HM Green Book compliant it is appropriate to now refresh the OBC and present to Council for approval and subsequently to the Chief Executive Group of the GCR.
- 6.2** Studies over the last few years on the specifics of the infrastructure required external to and within the site have progressed. There are additional project costs associated with the results of these studies and include the condition of the quay walls; a report on the condition of jetties (being provided by Exxon); additional costs associated with the replacement of sections of the

railway overbridge, and the cost of land raising for development platforms to allow commercial developments to take place. Some of these additional costs will be offset by income generated from the sale of developed plots and the negotiated position with Exxon will also impact upon overall project budget costs.

- 6.3** A refreshed OBC will be brought to the Council providing the proposed commercial position related to the site sale/transfer from Exxon and inviting members to approve or reject the proposal. This OBC will include a revised budget to complete the infrastructure works to bring the site back into commercial use.
- 6.4** The planning application for remediation works to part of the former ESSO Fuel Distribution Terminal is complex in nature and continues to be considered by officers, it will be reported to a future Planning Committee. Remediation is proposed generally on the Centrefield, Garden, Northfield and Westfield parts of the site as the Eastfield part of the site was previously remediated.

7. People Implications

- 7.1** There are a number of senior officers involved in the City Deal initiative across services of the Council and as part of the project board.

8. Financial Implications

- 8.1** It is anticipated that the expenditure for 2018/19 will be £0.760m. As at 31 March 2018 the total project Capital expenditure was £1.477m.
- 8.2** The OBC approved budget expenditure for the City Deal Exxon project totals £2.948 over periods 2017/18 and 2018/19.

9. Risk Analysis

- 9.1** There are a number of project risks associated with the development at the Exxon site contained as part of the Outline Business Case. These are being developed as the project moves forward and will form part of a refreshed OBC.

10. Equalities Impact Assessment

- 10.1** An updated Equalities Impact Assessment will form part of the refreshed Outline Business Case.

11. Consultation

- 11.1** Consultation with all key stakeholders is progressing as we continue to work towards the Full Business Case.

12. Strategic Assessment

12.1 At its meeting on 25 October 2017, the Council agreed that one of its main strategic priorities for 2017 - 2022 is:

- A Strong local economy and improved employment opportunities

12.2 The proposals within this report are specifically designed to deliver on this priority.

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Appendices:	Nil
Background Reports:	Independent Evaluation of Local Growth Interventions- Evaluation Plan for Glasgow City Region (SQW Report)
Background Papers:	Glasgow City Region City Deal – Council updates on the following dates: 5 March 2018, 20 December 2017, 25 October 2017, 30 August 2017, 28 June 2017, 26 April 2017, 22 February 2017, 21 December 2016, 26 October 2016, 31 August 2016, 29 June 2016, 27 April 2016, 24 February 2016, 16 December 2015, 25 August 2015.
Wards Affected:	All

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Chief Executive

Council: 31 May 2018

Subject: Local Scrutiny Plan 2018-19

1. Purpose

- 1.1** This report provides members with information on the Local Scrutiny Plan for 2018-19 which has recently been published by Audit Scotland.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1** Members are asked to note the Local Scrutiny Plan for 2018-19 and that there are actions identified in key areas as already outlined within delivery plans.

3. Background

- 3.1** Each year Audit Scotland, together with a range of other external scrutiny agencies (known as the Local Area Network (LAN)), reviews the position of the Council to identify significant risk areas and to provide the Council with information as to what planned external scrutiny activity will take place in the forthcoming financial year. The output from this is the Local Scrutiny Plan which draws on the work and experience of the scrutiny bodies, including:

- The annual report to the Controller of Audit and elected members for 2016/17 from the Council's appointed external auditors (Audit Scotland);
- Evidence gathered from Audit Scotland, Education Scotland, the Care Inspectorate and the Scottish Housing Regulator (including published inspection reports and other supporting evidence);
- The Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) and associated development plan for the Council area;
- The Council's own performance data and self-evaluation evidence; and
- Analysis of data from the SOLACE / COSLA / Improvement Service Local Government Benchmarking Framework.

- 3.2** This Local Scrutiny Plan sets out any scrutiny risks identified by the local area network (LAN), proposed scrutiny responses and expected scrutiny activity for West Dunbartonshire Council during the financial year 2018/19. The scrutiny risks and responses are based on a shared risk assessment undertaken by a LAN, comprising representatives of all the scrutiny bodies who engage with the council. The shared risk assessment process draws

on a range of evidence with the aim of determining any scrutiny risks in the council and the IJB. Expected scrutiny activity across all councils in Scotland informs the National Scrutiny Plan for 2018/19, which is available on the Audit Scotland website.

4. Main Issues

4.1 The LAN did not identify any specific areas from the risk assessment where specific scrutiny was required, other than scrutiny that was nationally directed or part of a planned programme of work. The LAN members followed up on some areas that were identified in the 2017/18 Local Scrutiny Plan for ongoing oversight and monitoring as follows:

- Housing & Homelessness;
- Staff absence levels;
- Financial sustainability; and
- Shared Services.

4.2 Strategic Leads have already identified, through the service planning process, actions to address the areas identified at paragraph 4.1. These have been brought together in a Pentana scorecard report which is attached at Appendix 2 for information.

4.3 The LAN has considered the other key risk areas within their scope and concluded that there are no further scrutiny risks that have been identified which require specific work by the scrutiny bodies this year.

5. People Implications

5.1 There are no people implications.

6. Financial and Procurement Implications

6.1 There are no financial or procurement implications arising from this report.

7. Risk Analysis

7.1 Effective consideration by the Council of the new Local Scrutiny Plan is important in ensuring that required improvement actions contribute to a reduction in risk.

8. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)

8.1 No equalities impact assessments were carried out in respect of this report.

9. Consultation

9.1 This report has been subject to consultation with appropriate Strategic Leads.

10. Strategic Assessment

10.1 This report relates to all five of the Council's Strategic Priorities.

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Appendix 1:	Local Scrutiny Plan 2018/19
Appendix 2	Local Scrutiny Plan 2018/19 – Scorecard Report
Background Reports:	West Dunbartonshire Council (28 June 2017): Report to Council: Local Scrutiny Plan 2017-18
Wards Affected:	All

West Dunbartonshire Council

Local Scrutiny Plan 2018/19



April 2018

West Dunbartonshire Council

Local Scrutiny Plan – April 2018 to March 2019

Introduction

1. This local scrutiny plan sets out any scrutiny risks identified by the local area network (LAN), proposed scrutiny responses and expected scrutiny activity for West Dunbartonshire Council during the financial year 2018/19.
2. The scrutiny risks and responses are based on a shared risk assessment undertaken by a LAN, comprising representatives of all the scrutiny bodies who engage with the council. The shared risk assessment process draws on a range of evidence with the aim of determining any scrutiny risks in the council and the IJB.
3. Expected scrutiny activity across all councils in Scotland informs the National Scrutiny Plan for 2018/19, which is available on the Audit Scotland website.

Scrutiny risks

4. The LAN is of the view that the council continues to demonstrate a strong commitment to best value and has strong leadership, a clear vision and a focus on continuous improvement.
5. The LAN did not identify any specific areas from the risk assessment where specific scrutiny was required, other than scrutiny that was nationally directed or part of a planned programme of work. The LAN members followed up on some areas that were identified in the 2017/18 Local Scrutiny Plan (LSP) for ongoing oversight and monitoring which are reflected below.
6. **Housing and Homelessness:** To assess the risk to social landlord services, the Scottish Housing Regulator (SHR) has reviewed and compared the performance of all Scottish social landlords to identify the weakest performing landlords. SHR has assessed that no additional scrutiny is required in West Dunbartonshire Council during 2018/19, beyond statutory and ongoing work.
7. **Staff Absence Levels:** Attendance management continues to be a priority for the council. In 2016/17, the average number of days lost per employee (excluding teachers) due to sickness absence improved by 11 per cent to 11.6 days compared with 13.06 days in 2015/16. Sickness absence results for teachers showed an improvement of 15 per cent from 6.78 days in 2015/16 to 5.77 days in 2016/17. Replacing the Attendance Working Group, the Employee Wellbeing Group in conjunction with Joint Trades Unions aim to support sustained improvement and focus on the health and wellbeing of the workforce. The LAN recognises that there is improved attendance across the council, however the council wide absence rates remain above the council's targets and it continues to be a priority to improve it further. The

absence rates will be reviewed as part of the Best Value audit work outlined within the Scrutiny Activity section below.

8. **Financial Sustainability:** In March 2018, a report to council provided an update on the general services revenue estimates for 2018/19 to 2020/21, identifying a projected budget surplus for 2018/19 of £0.671 million and cumulative budget gaps of £7.091 million and £12.972 million for 2019/20 and 2020/21 respectively. The Council could consider the use of reserves to assist in closing the funding gap. As the council's usable reserves (as a proportion of net revenue stream plus housing rents income) are in the lowest quartile in Scotland, this approach could be challenging. The LAN recognises that the council has managed its finances proactively, however, there is still uncertainty in the wider economic climate for the financial position. The Best Value (BV) audit work outlined within the Scrutiny Activity section below will include an assessment of the council's financial position and how effectively the council has planned to face the challenges of the future. This will also be reflected in the 2017/18 annual audit report.
9. **Shared Services:** Delivering services with partners had been identified by the council as an area where efficiencies and improvements in the delivery of services could be realised in future years. The council has progressed various shared service and joint working opportunities with other public bodies including the delivery of internal audit services for Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park, the provision of shared data centre and ICT service desk technologies with East Dunbartonshire Council as well as the provision of communications and PR service for Stirling Council. The council has invested significant resource in driving forward the project for Roads and Transportation shared services with Inverclyde and East Dunbartonshire councils. However shared services has not progressed as initially expected and therefore, the savings targets have not been achieved. Progress in this area will be reviewed as part of the Best Value audit work outlined within the scrutiny activity section below.

Scrutiny activity

10. Any expected scrutiny activity between April 2018 and March 2019 is shown in Appendix 1. For some of their scrutiny activity in 2018/19, scrutiny bodies are still to determine their work programmes and which specific council areas they will cover. Where a council is to be involved, the relevant scrutiny body will confirm this with the council and the appropriate LAN lead.
11. In addition to specific work shown in Appendix 1, routine, scheduled audit and inspection work will take place through the annual audit process and the ongoing inspections of school and care establishments by Education Scotland and the Care Inspectorate respectively. The outcomes of this work will help to inform future assessment of scrutiny risk.

Audit Scotland

12. The Accounts Commission agreed the overall framework for a new approach to auditing Best Value in June 2016. Best Value will be assessed over the five year audit appointment, as part

of the annual audit work. In addition, a Best Value Assurance Report (BVAR) for each council will be considered by the Accounts Commission at least once in this five year period.

13. As part of this approach, audit work is now underway which will result in a BVAR for West Dunbartonshire Council, to be considered by the Commission in June 2018. The work being undertaken in West Dunbartonshire Council this year will focus on the council's arrangements for demonstrating Best Value by reviewing the following:
- The council's vision and strategic direction.
 - The council's self-assessment/evaluation processes and the impact made.
 - How effectively the council plans its use of resources including asset management, financial planning and workforce planning.
 - How the council delivers services with partners, including consideration of the City Deal and shared service developments.
 - Community engagement and how this impacts on the council's activities.
 - How well prepared the council is to meet the challenges of the future in relation to their continuous improvement programmes such as regeneration and office rationalisation.
 - Outcomes/performance and the reporting of these, including Public Performance Reporting – potentially with detailed work in selected areas being identified from our initial review.
14. Audit Scotland plans to undertake national performance audit work covering local government during 2018/19 including a performance audit on City Deals. In addition, Audit Scotland will publish the findings of a performance audit relating to Arms Length External Organisations (ALEOs); updates on Scottish Fire and Rescue Service integration and Health and Social Care integration and children and young people's mental health and a housing benefit risk assessment in 2018. Details of future audit work are available on the Audit Scotland website [here](#).

Education Scotland

15. West Dunbartonshire Council is one of nine Scottish local authorities which have been receiving significant additional investment from the Scottish Government through the Scottish Attainment Challenge (SAC). In addition, West Dunbartonshire's schools received £3.380 million of Pupil Equity Funding in 2017/18. This additional funding from the Scottish Government's Attainment Scotland Fund is allocated directly to schools, targeted at closing the poverty related attainment gap and is to be spent at the discretion of head teachers working in partnership with each other and their local authority.
16. In September 2017, Education Scotland announced plans to inspect the attainment related aspects of the education functions of the nine SAC local authorities using a bespoke inspection framework. This framework was piloted at West Dunbartonshire Council in December 2017, with an evaluative report due to be published by Education Scotland.

17. Strategic leadership, governance and quality improvement of education are all strong. The council has performed well in almost all aspects of scrutiny and the outcomes for children and young people are generally improving. The council has worked effectively to begin to close the poverty related attainment gap and there continues to be a great deal of work in this area. Overall, there are no particular concerns about the provision of education in West Dunbartonshire Council.
18. Education Scotland will also carry out a review of the quality of Careers Information Advice and Guidance (CIAG) delivered by Skills Development Scotland across West Dunbartonshire Council area. This will be completed by March 2019.

Care Inspectorate

19. In its February 2017 report on the joint inspection of children's services, the Care Inspectorate concluded that services provided by the council and its community planning partners were having a positive impact on the wellbeing of children, young people and their families and demonstrated a culture of self-evaluation and continuous improvement. At the same time, the inspection identified areas for development, which the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) aimed to incorporate within their ongoing activities. These included actions to:
 - Demonstrate the difference investments in early intervention and prevention are making for all children and young people through the measurement of robust data and progress across strategic plans.
 - Strengthen strategic plans in recognition of national policy directives on prevention of domestic abuse and local trends in use of kinship care.
 - Achieve greater consistency in quality of assessments of risk and need and the formulation of plans to meet identified factors by ensuring approaches to day-to-day quality assurance of operational practice are robust, systematic and deliver intended improvements.
20. The Care Inspectorate's Link Inspector will liaise with the CPP on an ongoing basis to monitor the improvement actions in 2018/19.
21. The Care Inspectorate and partners will introduce a revised approach to the joint strategic inspections of services for children and young people for 2018/19 which will focus on those children and young people identified as most vulnerable.
22. A thematic review of self-directed support will be carried out during 2018/19. Inspections will be undertaken in a number of areas with the aim of identifying factors which support effective delivery of self-directed support and any barriers to implementation.
23. The Care Inspectorate have recently completed a thematic review of Adult Support and Protection, carried out across six partnership areas in collaboration with colleagues from HMICS and Healthcare Improvement Scotland. The Care Inspectorate intend to publish a report on this work by the end of the current financial year. During 2018/19, the Care Inspectorate will work with Scottish Government and colleagues to encourage partnerships to

use this learning to review their own practice and to take any action necessary to strengthen their response to concerns.

Scottish Housing Regulator

24. SHR may carry out thematic inquiries during 2018/19 or it may carry out survey or on-site work to follow up on published thematic reports. SHR will also review the Scottish Social Housing Charter data submitted by landlords and carry out data accuracy visits during the second quarter of 2018/19. Where councils are to be involved the SHR will confirm this directly with the Council and the LAN lead.

Appendix: Scrutiny activity

Scrutiny body	Scrutiny activity	Date
Audit Scotland	A Best Value Assurance Report is being prepared for West Dunbartonshire Council and the report is due to be considered at the Accounts Commission meeting in June 2018.	June 2018
Audit Scotland	<p>Audit Scotland plans to undertake a performance audit of City Deals in 2018/19.</p> <p>The findings of a performance audit of Arms Length External Organisations (ALEOs) and an update on the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service will be published in Spring 2018.</p> <p>An update on Health and Social Care integration is due to be published Autumn 2018.</p> <p>Children and young people's mental health is due to be published September 2018.</p> <p>A Housing Benefit Risk Assessment has been completed and will report in June 2018.</p>	Dates to be determined
Care Inspectorate	<p>The Care Inspectorate's Link Inspector will liaise with the Community Planning Partnership on an ongoing basis to monitor improvement actions from its February 2017 report on the joint inspection of children's services.</p> <p>A revised approach to the joint strategic inspections of services for children and young people will be introduced in 2018/19 and will focus on those children and young people identified as most vulnerable.</p>	Ongoing
Care Inspectorate	<p>The Care Inspectorate is currently undertaking preparatory work for a thematic review of self-directed support which will be carried out during 2018/19.</p> <p>Throughout the year, the Care Inspectorate will conduct an inspection in up to six areas across the country with the aim of identifying factors which support effective implementation of the legislation and barriers which require to be overcome. The local authorities involved in the inspections are still to be identified.</p>	Dates to be determined

Care Inspectorate	The Care Inspectorate and Healthcare Improvement Scotland introduced a revised approach to the Joint Strategic Inspections of Adult Services in 2017. These assess the extent to which the planning, organisation and coordination of services complies with the principles of integration and contribute to the national health and wellbeing outcomes. These inspections will continue in 2018/19 with three partnership areas selected for inspection.	Dates to be determined
Education Scotland	<p>Education Scotland will publish an evaluative report following the inspection of the attainment-related aspects of the education functions at West Dunbartonshire Council undertaken in December 2017.</p> <p>A review of the quality of Careers Information Advice and Guidance (CIAG) delivered by Skills Development Scotland.</p>	<p>Dates to be determined</p> <p>March 2019</p>
Scottish Housing Regulator	The Scottish Housing Regulator (SHR) may carry out thematic inquiries during 2018/19 or it may carry out survey or on-site work to follow up on published thematic reports. The SHR will also review the Scottish Social Housing Charter data submitted by landlords and carry out data accuracy visits during the second quarter of 2018/19. Where councils are to be involved in a thematic inquiry, any follow-up work to a published thematic inquiry, or a data accuracy visit, the SHR will confirm this directly with the council and the LAN lead.	<p>Dates to be determined</p> <p>Q2 2018/19</p>


West Dunbartonshire Council

Local Scrutiny Plan 2018/19

A summary of local government strategic scrutiny activity



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Appendix 2

Local Scrutiny Plan 2018/19 – Scorecard Report



1. Housing & Homelessness

Code & Title	Due Date	Ownership Assigned To
Deliver the Scottish Social Housing Charter outcomes	31-Mar-2019	John Kerr
Deliver the range of actions arising from the Rent Collection Working Group and associated monitoring of the level of rent arrears around the rollout of Universal Credit in West Dunbartonshire	31-Mar-2019	Ryan Chalmers

2. Absence Levels






Code & Title	Due Date	Ownership Assigned To
Continue to implement the Council's Employee Wellbeing Strategy.	31-Mar-2019	Darren Paterson

3. Financial sustainability

Code & Title	Due Date	Ownership Assigned To
Review and update long term finance strategy	31-Mar-2019	Stephen West
Provide timely and accurate budgetary control reporting for Council and associated bodies	31-Mar-2019	Gillian McNeilly
Report agreed savings options and management adjustments through the budgetary control process	31-Mar-2019	Gillian McNeilly
Provide timely and accurate financial statements for the Council and associated bodies	31-Mar-2019	Gillian McNeilly

4. Shared Services

Code & Title	Due Date	Ownership Assigned To
Continue to progress the roads collaborative programme and consider the benefits of sharing other Environment & Neighbourhood services	31-Mar-2019	Ronnie Dinnie

Action Status	
	Cancelled
	Overdue; Neglected
	Unassigned; Check Progress
	Not Started; In Progress; Assigned
	Completed