

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**

**Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton G82 3PU**

17 April 2009

**MEETING: WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**

**WEDNESDAY 29 APRIL 2009  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
CLYDEBANK TOWN HALL  
DUMBARTON ROAD  
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Dear Member,

Please attend a Meeting of **West Dunbartonshire Council** to be held in the **Council Chambers, Clydebank Town Hall, Dumbarton Road, Clydebank, on Wednesday, 29 April 2009 at 6.00 p.m.**

The business is as shown on the attached agenda.

Yours faithfully

**DAVID MCMILLAN**

Chief Executive

Distribution:-

All Members of West Dunbartonshire Council.

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Executive Director of Corporate Services

Executive Director of Educational Services

Executive Director of Social Work and Health

Executive Director of Housing, Environmental & Economic Development

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**AGENDA**

**1. APOLOGIES**

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members are invited to declare if they have an interest in any of the items of business on this agenda and state the reasons for such declarations.

**3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Submit for approval as a correct record, the Minutes of the Meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council held on Wednesday, 25 March 2009.

**4. SOCIAL WORK INSPECTION AGENCY (SWIA) – PRESENTATION**

Richard Fowles and Irene Scullion from SWIA will be in attendance to present the findings on the recent inspection of social work services in West Dunbartonshire.

**Note: Members are asked to note that copies of the Inspection Report, which is currently embargoed, will be circulated at the meeting.**

**5. OPEN FORUM**

The Council is asked to note that no open forum questions have been received from members of the public.

**6. MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE ON 18 MARCH 2009**

Submit for information, and where necessary ratification, the Minutes of Meeting of the Community Participation Committee held on 18 March 2009, with the exception of the item under the heading “Old People’s Welfare Grant Funding” which has been referred to the Corporate and Efficient Governance Committee.

**7. MINUTES OF THE AUDIT & PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE ON 25 MARCH 2009**

Submit for information, and where necessary ratification, the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Audit & Performance Review Committee held on 25 March 2009.

**8. VACANT POSITIONS – DEPUTE LEADER OF COUNCIL AND VICE CHAIR OF COMMITTEES**

Submit report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services asking the Council to consider the appointment of the Depute Leader of Council and the Vice Chairs of some Committees of the Council.

**9. DEVELOPMENT OF A ROBUST FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK**

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of the Council held on 25 March 2009, re-submit report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services updating the Council on action proposed by the Council on 12 February 2009 on the development of a robust financial framework.

**10. STRATHLEVEN CORRIDOR**

Submit report by the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development setting out a new ambitious vision for regeneration within West Dunbartonshire and seeking the Council's support for submission of a proposal to the Scottish Government aimed at realising this ambition.

**11. CORPORATE PLAN 2009-13**

Submit report by the Chief Executive seeking the Council's agreement on:-

- (a) the performance indicators that have been identified to monitor progress towards the 2009/13 corporate objectives; and
- (b) the targets that have been set for these indicators for each of the four years covered by the Plan.

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**12. BEST VALUE 2**

Submit report by the Chief Executive notifying the Council of a formal consultation process on the Accounts Commission proposals for Best Value 2 which closes on 31 May 2009.

**13. SUSPENSION OF COUNCILLOR JAMES BOLLAN**

Submit report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services on the decision of the Standards Commission for Scotland to suspend Councillor James Bollan from his entitlement to attend meetings of the Council and of any committee or sub-committee and of any other body in which a Councillor is a representative or nominee of the Council.

**Note: Members are asked to note that a copy of the Commission's decision letter and any supplementary report will be issued as a supplementary item.**

**14. CORRESPONDENCE – MAUREEN WATT, MSP, NORTH EAST SCOTLAND – PROPOSED CUT TO THE SCOTTISH BUDGET**

Submit correspondence received from Maureen Watt MSP, North East Scotland in connection with the proposed cut to the Scottish Budget.

**15. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**(A) Motion by Councillor Ronnie McColl – Minimum Living Wage**

With reference to discussions at the most recent Joint Consultative Forum, this Council instructs officers to bring forward a report to be considered at the June Council meeting exploring the possibility of the Council adopting a seven pounds an hour minimum living wage.

This report will include all costs and detail of discussions with unions to date.

**(B) Motion by Councillor Patrick McGlinchey – Cuts in Teacher Numbers**

Council notes that official Scottish Government statistics show West Dunbartonshire Council has cut the number of teaching staff in the local authority by 7.1% (140 posts) since the 2007 elections.

Council notes that, according to the Scottish Government, this is the second largest cut in the country – larger than the City Councils of Glasgow, Dundee, and Edinburgh; larger than all the councils in our comparative grouping, and behind only Aberdeen City Council.

Additionally, Council notes that across Scotland as a whole there has been a reduction of nearly 1,000 teachers since 2007, a drop of 1.8%.

Council further notes that page-52 of the 2007 SNP manifesto promises the public that if elected the SNP would 'maintain teacher numbers' even 'in the face of falling school rolls'.

Taking note of the above, Council calls on a full report to be brought forward to the next Council meeting explaining the impact that the reduction will have.

**(C) Motion by Councillor Geoff Calvert – Mobile Phone Contract – West Dunbartonshire Council**

This Council notes the recent announcement by T-Mobile of its plans to move work out of Scotland to the Philippines and that these plans will cost 300 Scottish jobs in Larbert, Falkirk and 118 Scottish jobs in Greenock, Inverclyde.

This Council believes that it is difficult to justify paying public money to a service provider that shows disregard to the population of the country who provides its income. This Council accepts fully that through the system of government grants to Councils, it is funded, in part, by the tax contributions of the residents of Larbert and Greenock as well as the Council Tax Payers of West Dunbartonshire.

It is the feeling of the Council that it is not in the public interest that contractors should gain financial benefit from the Council at the expense of Scottish jobs. This is unlikely to represent overall Best Value or be the most economically most advantageous option for the Council.

Therefore, this Council requests the Executive Director of Corporate and Efficient Government to:-

- instigate an immediate review of the current Mobile Phone contract should T-Mobile persist with its planned attack on Scottish workers and their families, and
- to bring forward a report to the May Council meeting, with options and recommendations should T-Mobile's plans be implemented. The report should consider the Best Value and Value for Money benefits of seeking an alternative provider or re-tendering the contract.

Finally/

Finally, this Council requests the Chief Executive to advise all Scottish Councils and COSLA of the action this Council is taking for their own consideration, and that he advises the Falkirk and Inverclyde Councils in particular of our support at this trying time for their communities.