

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton G82 3PU

2 October 2003

MEETING: SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

**WEDNESDAY, 8 OCTOBER 2003
COUNCIL CHAMBER
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Dear Member

Please attend a Meeting of the **Social Justice Committee** to be held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Rosebery Place, Clydebank on Wednesday, 8 October 2003 at 10.00 a.m.

The business is as shown on the enclosed agenda.

Yours faithfully

TIM HUNTINGFORD

Chief Executive

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SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

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AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(Copy enclosure pages 1 - 6)

Submit, for approval as a correct record, Minutes of Meeting of the Social Justice Committee held on 13 August 2003.

3. INTRODUCTION OF AN EXERCISE REFERRAL SCHEME

(Copy enclosure pages 7 - 9)

Submit report by the Director of Commercial and Technical Services advising the Committee of the introduction of an Exercise Referral Scheme at the Meadow Sports Centre, Dumbarton and Vale of Leven Swimming Pool, Alexandria by entering into a joint partnership agreement with Argyll and Clyde NHS Board.

4. PENSION CREDIT – MAXIMISING RETIRED PEOPLES' ENTITLEMENT

(Copy enclosure pages 11 - 18)

Submit report by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services outlining the main features of the new Pension Credit and seeking approval for a campaign of awareness to prepare older people for the introduction of the new scheme.

5. PROPOSED CHANGES TO WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL ALLOCATIONS POLICY

(Copy enclosure pages 19 - 20)

Submit report by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services seeking to finalise changes to the West Dunbartonshire Council Allocations Policy arising out of the introduction of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001.

6. INSPECTION OF WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL'S HOUSING SERVICE BY COMMUNITIES SCOTLAND

(Copy enclosure pages 21 - 26)

Submit report by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services advising of the timetable for the first inspection of the Council's Housing Management and Homelessness services by Communities Scotland in their new role as regulators of local authority Housing services. The report also provides details of the work being undertaken by Social Work and Housing Services in preparation for the inspection.

7. HRA CAPITAL BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT: PERIOD 5, 2003/04

(Copy enclosure pages 27 - 30)

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

8. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGETARY POSITION 2003/04

(Copy enclosure pages 31 - 36)

Submit report by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services informing on how key elements within the Housing Revenue Account are performing against budget for the period ended 31 August 2003.

9. HOUSING MAINTENANCE DLO AND WINDOW FACTORY FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE - PERIOD 5, 2003/04

(Copy enclosure pages 37 - 40)

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 August 2003.

10. RENT ARREARS

(Copy enclosure pages 41 - 44)

Submit report by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services on the rent arrears position for the financial year 2002/2003 and the current year to August 2003.

11. HOUSING & COUNCIL TAX BENEFIT STATISTICAL INFORMATION

(Copy enclosure pages 45 - 56)

Submit report by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services on the Council's Housing & Council Tax Benefit performance for the financial year 2002/2003.

12. WHITECROOK COMMUNITY GROUP

(Copy enclosure pages 57 - 58)

Submit report by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services requesting the Committee to consider authorising a free let of premises at 28 Lappin Street, Whitecrock, Clydebank to Whitecrock Community Group.

13. BRUCEHILL ACTION GROUP

(Copy enclosure pages 59 - 60)

Submit report by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services requesting the Committee to consider authorising a free let of premises at 37 - 43 Napier Crescent, Brucehill, Dumbarton to Brucehill Action Group.

14. SOCIAL WORK GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

(Copy enclosure pages 61 - 62)

Submit report by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services making recommendations on the level of grants payable to voluntary organisations.

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