

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**  
**Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton G82 3PU**

17 February 2012

**MEETING: WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**

**WEDNESDAY 29 FEBRUARY 2012 AT 6 P.M.**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBER**  
**COUNCIL OFFICES**  
**GARSHAKE ROAD**  
**DUMBARTON**

Dear Member

Please attend a Meeting of **West Dunbartonshire Council** to be held in the **Council Chamber, Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton on Wednesday 29 February 2012 at 6.00 p.m.**

The business is as shown on the attached agenda.

Yours faithfully

**JOYCE WHITE**

Chief Executive

**Distribution:-**

All Members of West Dunbartonshire Council

Chief Executive

Interim Executive Director of Corporate Services

Executive Director of Educational Services

Executive Director of Housing, Environmental & Economic Development

Director of West Dunbartonshire Community Health & Care Partnership

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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 MEETINGS**

Submit for approval the Minutes of Meetings of West Dunbartonshire Council held on:-

- (a)** Ordinary Meeting held on 25 January 2012
- (b)** Special Meeting held on 26 January 2012

**4. MINUTES OF WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COMMUNITY HEALTH & CARE PARTNERSHIP**

Submit for information the Minutes of Meeting of West Dunbartonshire Community Health & Care Partnership held on 25 January 2012.

**5. OPEN FORUM**

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

**REPORTS FOR DECISION/**

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**6. PROPOSED CHANGE TO SUBMISSION DATE FOR CORPORATE PLAN 2012-17**

Submit report by the Chief Executive seeking approval for a proposed change of submission date for the Corporate Plan 2012-17 and associated Departmental Plans.

**7. HUB WEST TERRITORY – APPOINTMENT OF A PRIVATE SECTOR DEVELOPMENT PARTNER, ESTABLISHMENT OF THE WEST TERRITORY HUBCO AND IDENTIFICATION OF COUNCIL PROJECTS  
(copy to follow)**

Submit report by the Chief Executive seeking approval for the appointment of a private sector development partner; establishment of West Territory hubco and the identification of a potential Council project.

**8. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTE CLERK OF WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE LICENSING BOARD**

Submit report by the Interim Executive Director of Corporate Services asking Council to formally appoint a Depute Clerk of West Dunbartonshire Licensing Board.

## **REPORTS FOR NOTING**

**9. SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT 2009/11 – FINAL PROGRESS REPORT**

Submit, for noting, report by the Interim Executive Director of Corporate Services on the progress made in meeting the Local Outcomes set out in the 2009/11 Single Outcome Agreement.

**10. GENERAL SERVICES REVENUE BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT: PERIOD 10 (2011/12)**

Submit, for noting, report by the Interim Executive Director of Corporate Services providing an update on the General Services Revenue budget for 2011/12.

**11. GENERAL SERVICES CAPITAL BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT:  
PERIOD 10 (2011/12)**

Submit, for noting, report by the Interim Executive Director of Corporate Services providing an update on the General Services Capital plan for 2011/12.

**12. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT 2011/12 BUDGETARY CONTROL  
STATEMENT TO 31 JANUARY 2012-02-17**

Submit, for noting, report by the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental & Economic Development providing an update on the financial performance of the HRA to the period ended 31 January 2012.

**13. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2011/12  
BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT TO 31 JANUARY 2012 –(PERIOD 10)**

Submit, for noting, report by the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental & Economic Development advising on the progress of the HRA Capital Programme 2011/12.

**14. PROGRESS REPORT ON THE REPROVISION OF AUCHENTOSHAN DAY  
CENTRE**

Submit, for noting, report by the Chief Executive providing an update on the reprovision of Auchentoshan Day Services.

**15. COMMUNITY EDUCATION MONIES (copy to follow)**

Submit, for noting, report by the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental & Economic Development on Community Education monies.

**16. SINGLE STATUS UPDATE (copy to follow)**

Submit report by the Interim Executive Director of Corporate Services advising of the number of employees who will still be in detriment at March 2012.

## 17. QUESTIONS

### **Question by Councillor Jim Bollan to the Convener of Housing, Environmental & Economic Development Committee**

To ask the housing spokesperson to advise the total exact overall amount to date spent, from the approximate £2m allocated, on the Stock Transfer proposals. This should include all monies taken from the HRA, and any other account money has been sourced from. The figure should include internal staff costs.

## 18. NOTICES OF MOTION

### **(a) Motion by Councillor Jim Bollan – Leisure Trust**

Council agrees in advance of the Leisure Trust becoming operational on 1/4/2012 that all monies held in the WDC bank account set up to receive monies, currently standing at around £11,000, from the MAC (Management Advisory Committee) of the Dalmonach CE Centre will be transferred to the MAC bank account without further delay. These monies built up over a long period of years by contributions from members of user groups mainly from fund raising events was intended for the use of groups to purchase equipment and pay for other services not provided for by WDC in the Centre.

It is outrageous that senior management is proposing to transfer this £11,000 given voluntarily by thousands of members over many years to a Private Leisure Trust.

### **(b) Motion by Councillor George Black – Playing Fields at St Peter the Apostle High School, Clydebank**

Council notes that in terms of its decision of 21 December 2011, it is committed to ensuring that noise levels arising from community lets at St. Peter the Apostle High School are fairly and adequately monitored and that supervision will be a condition of future lets. During the pilot 6 months officers are instructed to work closely with users and noise consultants to minimise noise nuisance to the neighbours of the nearby Morar Estate.

### **(c) Motion by Councillor Martin Rooney - Unfunded Services and Budget Gaps**

This Council notes that the Corporate Management Team had identified a significant underfunding of key budget areas as part of a review in advance of the Council setting the 2012/13 Budget.

Despite the Corporate Management Team's concerns about the unfunded services and the risk to jobs, the SNP Administration failed to include any of the Corporate Management Team's proposals in the budget.

Given the Corporate Management Team's concerns, this Council calls for a report to the April Council meeting explaining how the identified budget gaps will be bridged and the key projects will be progressed.

The detail of the Corporate Management Team's projects is outlined below:

### **CORPORATE MANAGEMENT TEAM BUDGET GROWTH PROJECTS AND IDENTIFIED FUNDING GAPS**

**Rent Rebates and Allowances £167,540:** Increase to provision for discretionary housing payments due to changes to benefits regime. The Department of Works & Pensions currently provides the Council with funds to award Discretionary Housing Benefit payments to claimants who are experiencing either personal or financial hardship. Changes to Department of Works & Pensions regulations have resulted in reduced payments of Housing Benefit to certain categories of claimants. The Council will receive £67,016 from the Department of Works & Pensions to fund Discretionary Housing Payments and the Council is allowed to enhance this budget by a maximum of a further £167,540.

**Learning Disability £152,000:** The provision of funding to maintain and develop appropriate employment support for adults with learning disability, mental health issues and addiction issues. Funding was reduced following reduction in Community Planning Partnership funding in 2011/12. Between 1 August 2008 and 31 March 2011 Work connect engaged with 440 clients, assisted 145 into employment and training, supported 70 in paid employment and supported 22 in volunteer placements. The funding would allow for the current level of staff to be maintained.

**Asset Management £100,000:** This proposal is to undertake rolling programme of condition surveys to inform the decision making process and prioritise capital spend in line with the Asset Management Strategy.

**Roads and Transportation £96,000:** Roads Operations re winter overtime - based on average since 2008/09. £150k budgeted at present inadequate. The present budget has proved inadequate given the winter weather experienced since 2008/09. Additional resources would bring the 2012/13 budget to the average level incurred since 2008/09.

**Roads And Transportation £60,000:** Street lighting asset condition works. The current condition of the street lighting asset as identified in our asset management plan is very poor following years of under investment. To assist in life cycle planning and planned maintenance it is necessary to further develop our understanding and knowledge of the existing assets. Detailed

structural and electrical testing is required to inform our future life cycle planning for this service.

**Roads and Transportation £50,000:** Structural maintenance programmed works. The Roads related structures Life Cycle Asset Management Plan has identified that there is a requirement for additional funding to facilitate early small scale interventions to ensure that the West Dunbartonshire Council Structural Asset is maintained in a safe condition. This includes coastal defences that have been damaged recently.

**Libraries & Museums £27,000:** This proposal is for the employment of a temporary Early Year Liaison Officer for a period of 3yrs. This post will coordinate activities aimed at 0-4yrs liaising with libraries, museums and nurseries using reading, music and play to support learning and foster nurturing and family learning. To ensure sustainability the officer will provide extensive training for libraries, museums and nursery staff and families ensuring a skills base is established on completion of the project. The project will provide savings through reducing the need for assisted learning, and demand/pressure on psychological services by working with children at the earliest opportunity. The cost is 1 x Grade 5 officer at £27,000 p/a (including employer costs).

**Planning & Building £17,000:** Legal expenditure should be based on average since 2008/09. The present budget has proved inadequate given the level of planning appeals in recent years. Additional resources would bring the 2012/13 budget to the average level incurred since 2008/09.