

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

15 December 2006

MEETING: WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, 20 DECEMBER 2006
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
COUNCIL OFFICES
GARSHAKE ROAD
DUMBARTON

Dear Member,

Please attend a Meeting of **West Dunbartonshire Council** to be held in the **Council Chambers, Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton**, on Wednesday, 20 December 2006 at 2.00 p.m.

The business is as shown on the attached agenda.

Yours faithfully

DAVID MCMILLAN

Chief Executive

Distribution:-

All Members of West Dunbartonshire Council.

Chief Executive

Director of Education and Cultural Services

Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Housing and Regeneration Services)

Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Land and Environmental Services)

Director of Social Work Services

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AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

2. RESIGNATION OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL AND DEPUTE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

The Council is asked to note that Councillor Andrew White has intimated his intention to resign as Leader of the Council and Councillor James Flynn has intimated his intention to resign as Depute Leader of the Council.

The Council is requested to consider making appointments in respect of both vacant positions.

3. OPEN FORUM

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

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Pages 1 - 24)

Submit, for approval as a correct record:-

- (a) the Minutes of the Requisitioned Meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council held on 25 October 2006; and
- (b) the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council held on 25 October 2006.

5. MINUTES OF THE RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE (Pages 25 – 26)

Submit for information, the Minutes of Meetings of the Recruitment Committee held on 10 November 2006.

6. MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE
(Pages 27 - 33)

Submit for information, and where necessary ratification, the Minutes of Meeting of the Community Participation Committee held on 15 November 2006.

7. MINUTES OF THE JOINT CONSULTATIVE FORUM (Pages 35 - 41)

Submit for information, and where necessary ratification, the Minutes of Meeting of the Joint Consultative Forum held on 28 November 2006.

8. CORRESPONDENCE FROM TOM MCCABE MSP (Page 43)

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council held on 30 August 2006 (Page 2616, paragraph 9809 refers), submit correspondence from Tom McCabe MSP, Minister for Finance & Public Service Reform, intimating that he would not be able to attend a meeting of the Council to discuss the issue of public service reform.

The Council is asked to note the correspondence.

9. VALE OF LEVEN INTEGRATED CARE PILOT – NHS GREATER GLASGOW AND CLYDE AND SCOTTISH AMBULANCE SERVICE

Reference is made to the Minutes of Meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council on 25 October 2006 when it was agreed:-

- (a) that the Chairman and Chief Executive of NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde (NHS GG&C) be invited to give a presentation to the Council on the services which will be provided from the Vale of Leven Hospital in future years; and
- (b) that the Scottish Ambulance Service be invited to a meeting of Council to give a presentation their plans.

The Council is asked to note that Mr Divers, Chief Executive, NHS GG&C, has indicated that he does not think it would be appropriate to attend this Council meeting as they are currently embarking on a range of detailed planning work and there is the opportunity for Council input to that process in a number of ways. The Council is also asked to note that the Chief Executive of the Scottish Ambulance Service has confirmed that he will not be able to send a representative to attend the December meeting of Council but will do so at the February meeting.

10. DESIGNATION OF POLLING PLACES (Pages 45 - 46)

Submit report by the Chief Executive requesting the Council to consider the designation of polling places for the combined poll on 3 May 2007.

11. WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP – KEY DEVELOPMENTS (Pages 47 - 54)

Submit report by the Chief Executive providing an update on key developments within West Dunbartonshire Community Planning Partnership (CPP).

12. GENERAL SERVICES REVENUE BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT 2006/2007 (PERIOD 7) (Pages 55 - 68)

Submit report by the Chief Executive on the performance of the General Services Revenue Budget for the period to 15 November 2006.

13. GENERAL SERVICES CAPITAL BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT 2006/2007 (PERIOD 7) (Pages 69 - 80)

Submit report by the Chief Executive on the progress of the General Services Capital Programme to 15 November 2006.

14. UPDATE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE (Pages 81 - 83)

Submit report by the Chief Executive providing an update on the report by the Local Government Finance Review Committee (LGFRC) titled 'A Fairer Way'.

15. AUDIT SCOTLAND 2005/06 AUDIT – FINAL REPORT TO MEMBERS (Pages 85 - 106)

Submit report by the Chief Executive advising of the findings in relation to Audit Scotland's final report to Members on the completion of the 2005/2006 audit.

16. APPROVED DUTIES FOR PURPOSES OF TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCES (Pages 107 - 109)

Submit report by the Chief Executive on the approved duties for purposes of travel and subsistence allowances.

17. PAY MODERNISATION – PROPOSALS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SINGLE STATUS AGREEMENT (Pages 111 - 129)

Submit report by the Chief Executive providing an update on the status of on-going local negotiations and of the national context affecting progress in relation to implementation of the Single Status Agreement and to recommend an “Employer Offer” as a proposal for implementation of the Single Status Agreement in West Dunbartonshire Council.

18. LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME CHANGES AND WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL’S POLICY ON DISCRETIONS (Pages 131 - 144)

Submit report by the Chief Executive providing an update on the considerable regulatory changes to the Local Government Pension Scheme by virtue of the Local Government Pension Scheme (Scotland) Regulations 1998 and the Local Government (Discretionary Payments and Injury Benefits) (Scotland) Regulations 1998.

19. IMPLEMENTATION OF A HUMAN RESOURCE (HR) MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM (Pages 145 - 150)

Submit report by the Chief Executive providing an update on the actions that are being taken to enable the acquisition of a Human Resources (HR) Management Information system for the Authority.

20. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT 2006/2007 – BUDGETARY CONTROL STATEMENT TO 15 NOVEMBER 2006 (PERIOD 7) (Pages 151 - 156)

Submit report by the Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Housing & Regeneration Services) containing information on the progress of the Housing Revenue Account 2006/2007.

21. HRA CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2006/2007 – BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT TO 15 NOVEMBER 2006 (PERIOD 7) (Pages 157 - 162)

Submit report by the Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Housing and Regeneration Services) on the progress of the HRA Capital Programme 2006/2007 up to 15 November 2006 (Period 7).

22. DECISION MAKING PROCESSES RELATING TO THE SCHOOLS' PPP PROJECT AND THE ALLOCATION OF SCHOOLS FUND MONIES (Pages 163 - 176)

Submit report by Director of Education and Cultural Services presenting the findings of the Chief Executive's investigation with regard to decision making processes relating to the Schools' PPP Project and the allocation of Schools fund monies.

23. QUESTIONS

(A) IN TERMS OF STANDING ORDER NO 9, COUNCILLOR MCLAUGHLIN HAS SUBMITTED THE UNDERNOTED QUESTIONS TO THE FOLLOWING SERVICE CONVENERS:-

DENIS AGNEW, MARGARET BOOTLAND, GAIL CASEY, TONY DEVINE, JACKIE MACEIRA, DUNCAN MCDONALD, MARIE MCNAIR, CONNIE O'SULLIVAN AND MARTIN ROONEY.

- (i) Does the Convener fully support the current council leadership?
- (ii) Does the Convener believe that all decisions made in relation to their department have been fully transparent?
- (iii) Has the Convener ever received any complaints of bullying in their department?

(b) IN TERMS OF STANDING ORDER NO 9, COUNCILLOR MCLAUGHLIN HAS SUBMITTED THE UNDERNOTED QUESTIONS TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL:-

- (i) Did the Leader instruct the former Chief Executive to prepare plans to restructure the Council to reduce the number of corporate directors from 5 to 3?
- (ii) Did the Council Leader ever discuss possible extensions to the Chief Executive's fixed term contract?

- (iii) Did the Council Leader make any commitments to the former Chief Executive to seek agreement of the labour group to extend his contract?
 - (iv) Has the Leader ever stated at any meetings that he is not in favour of transferring any housing stock – but that he only wants access to the early action fund?
 - (v) In relation to the publication of the Best Value report, did the Council Leader sanction legal action against its publication?
 - (vi) Was the Council Leader aware that failing to distribute the Audit Report was a breach of the Council's statutory obligations?
 - (vii) Did the Council Leader sanction the former Chief Executive's decision not to distribute the report on arrival to all members?
- (c) IN TERMS OF STANDING ORDER NO 9, COUNCILLOR MCLAUGHLIN HAS SUBMITTED THE UNDERNOTED QUESTIONS TO THE CONVENER OF HOUSING SERVICES:-**
- (i) Could the Convener of Housing give a brief report on the rent setting meeting with tenants groups – in particular the discussion on the measured term contract?
 - (ii) Could the Convener of Housing indicate why a special invite was made to the Convenor of Finance to attend the meetings?
 - (iii) Has the Convener ever stated at any meetings that he is not in favour of transferring any housing stock – but that he only wants access to the early action fund?

24. NOTICES OF MOTION

The Council is asked to consider the undernoted notices of motion:-

(a) Motion by Councillor Rooney – The GIVEME5 Campaign

This Council is concerned about the current level of disregard for permitted earnings as this restricts the amount of hours people on benefits can work before their benefits are affected.

GIVEME5 is campaigning to increase the £20 Permitted Earnings disregard by £5. The current £20 disregard has not been increased in line with inflation or the National Minimum wage since its introduction in 2001.

This Council resolves to support the GIVEME5 campaign run by the Richmond fellowship Scotland and will write to John Hutton MP,

Secretary of State for the Department of Work and Pensions to express our concerns.

(b) Motion by Councillor White – Place of Public Remembrance

This Council recognises the desire of descendants and relatives to have a permanent record of their loved ones who died serving as part of the armed services. The existing Town Hall Memorial acts as a reminder of the sacrifice and service that all the fallen, as a group, have made on behalf of the people of Clydebank.

Council believes a memorial that displays the names and other details of those members of the armed forces would help those families by remembering the individual.

This Council resolves that Clydebank should have a place of public remembrance where the names of the Clydebank fallen can be recorded and instructs the Chief Executive to bring forward a report to the next Council meeting on how this is to be achieved.