WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton G82 3PU

20 April 2007

MEETING: WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, 25 APRIL 2007
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, 25 April 2007 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. OPEN FORUM

The following question has been submitted in respect of the Open Forum:-

Iain McDermid, 156 Main Street, Alexandria

Given that the council is committed to **treat everyone equally**. Does the council support its own estates department in subsidising the rent of one newsagent to compete against another in Alexandria Town Centre?

3. WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP – KEY DEVELOPMENTS

Submit report by the Chief Executive providing an update on key developments within West Dunbartonshire Community Planning Partnership (CPP). Progress and key issues are reported to the Council on a quarterly basis, following CPP Board meetings, and the most recent Board meeting took place on 19 February 2007.

Members are requested to note that Mr. Phil White, Interim Manager of the CPP, has been invited to attend this meeting of Council in order to answer questions from Members.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Submit for approval as a correct record, the Minutes of Meetings of West Dunbartonshire Council as follows:-

(a) Ordinary Meeting held on 28 February 2007;
(b) Requisitioned Meeting held on 12 March 2007;
(c) Requisitioned Meeting held on 28 March 2007; and
(d) Special Meeting held on 11 April 2007.

5. MINUTES OF THE AUDIT AND PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Submit for information, and where necessary ratification, the Minutes of Meeting of the Audit and Performance Review Committee held on 14 March 2007.

6. MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE

Submit for information, and where necessary ratification, the Minutes of Meeting of the Community Participation Committee held on 21 March 2007.

7. MINUTES OF THE JOINT CONSULTATIVE FORUM

Submit for information, and where necessary ratification, the Minutes of Meeting of the Joint Consultative Forum held on 1 March 2007.

8. MINUTES OF OTHER COMMITTEES

Submit for approval as a correct record, the Minutes of Meetings of the following Committees:-

(a) Licensing Committee held on 7 March 2007;
(b) Social Justice Committee held on 14 March 2007;
(c) Corporate Services Committee held on 28 March 2007;
(d) Planning Committee held on 4 April 2007;
(e) Community Safety & Environmental Services Committee held on 4 April 2007; and
(f) Children's Services Committee held on 18 April 2007.

9. REMIT FROM CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE: CUSTOMER QUESTIONNAIRES – CORPORATE BUILDINGS AND RECEPTION SERVICES

In terms of remit from the Meeting of the Corporate Services Committee held on 28 March 2007, submit relevant excerpt minute and report providing costs for the provision of a reception service in Clydebank Town Hall and detailing proposals on how parking at the Municipal Buildings, Dumbarton could be improved.

10. REMIT FROM CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE: RELEASE OF RETROSPECTIVE EUROPEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDING TO COMM-IT

In terms of remit from the Meeting of the Corporate Services Committee held on 28 March 2007, submit relevant excerpt minute and further report by the Chief Executive seeking approval for providing retrospective European Regional Development Funding (ERDF) to Comm-it, a not for profit social economy organisation that provides IT support and services to other social economy organisations in the West Dunbartonshire area.

11. GENERAL SERVICES CAPITAL GRANT 2007/08: SPEND TO SAVE PROJECT BIDS

Submit report by the Chief Executive providing Members with a list of the bids recommended by the CMT for approval in connection with the 'spend to save' grant allocated by the Scottish Executive.

12. NEW COUNCILLOR REMUNERATION SCHEME

Submit report by the Chief Executive providing an update on the new remuneration scheme that will come into effect for West Dunbartonshire on 3 May 2007.

13. PROGRESS OF BEST VALUE IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Submit report by the Chief Executive providing an update on the progress made on the Best Value Improvement Plan.

14. HEARING OF THE STANDARDS COMMISSION FOR SCOTLAND INTO AN ALLEGED BREACH OF THE COUNCILLORS' CODE OF CONDUCT BY COUNCILLOR JAMES BOLLAN

Submit report by the Chief Executive providing information on the decision made by the Standards Commission into a complaint made against Councillor James Bollan.

15. PROPOSAL TO ADMIT PROVOST ALISTAIR MACDONALD AND COUNCILLOR MARGARET MCGREGOR AS HONORARY FREEMEN OF WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE

Submit report by the Chief Executive on a proposal to admit Provost Alistair Macdonald and Councillor Margaret McGregor as Honorary Freemen of West Dunbartonshire.

16. COMMUNITIES SCOTLAND INSPECTION OF HOUSING MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Submit report by the Chief Executive seeking approval of the remedial plan for housing management services (Appendix A) which was required by Scottish Ministers under Section 74 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001.

17. BLOCKS OF FLATS AT 7 AND 9 MILLER ROAD, HALDANE

Submit report by the Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Housing & Regeneration Services) seeking approval to take the necessary action to dispose of two tenement properties at 7 and 9 Miller Road, Haldane and adjacent land.

18. NOTICES OF MOTION

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

(a) Motion by Councillor George Black

This Council agrees to suspend all discussions regarding best value reviews which are currently taking place between management and Unions. The impact of these reviews is reducing agreed working practices, conditions and operating hours amongst others.

Any further discussions regarding these best value reviews should be held over until the Trades Unions can meet with the new Council who will elected on 3rd May 2007.

(b) Motion by Councillor Andy White

This Council notes with concern that the 07/08 revenue budget does not include a real terms increase to the older people's grants budget. Council notes that this is contrary to previous manifesto commitments. Council therefore instructs the Chief Executive to bring a report to the next appropriate Council meeting. The report should provide options that will deliver a real terms increase to this budget in line with previous years budgets.

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