

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton, G82 3PU

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MEETING: CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE

**WEDNESDAY 13 DECEMBER 2006
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS
STATION ROAD
DUMBARTON**

Dear Sir/Madam

Please attend a meeting of the **Children's Services Committee** to be held in the Council Chambers, Municipal Buildings, Station Road, Dumbarton on **Wednesday, 13 December 2006 at 10.00 a.m.**

The business is as shown on the enclosed agenda.

Yours faithfully

DAVID McMILLAN

Chief Executive

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AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

2. PRESENTATION BY HEAD TEACHER OF ST. COLUMBA'S HIGH SCHOOL ON MEASURES TAKEN TO PROMOTE AND RAISE ATTAINMENT AND ACHIEVEMENT FOR PUPILS (pages 1 – 3)

Mr William McLaughlin, Head Teacher of St. Columba's High School will give a presentation on the work of St. Columba's High School in taking forward attainment and achievement for all pupils.

In this respect, submit report by the Director of Education and Cultural Services.

3. "WRITE TO THE TOP" – A TEACHER RESOURCE PACK FOR IMPROVING STANDARDS IN WRITING (pages 5 – 6)

Ms Linda Booth, Quality Improvement Officer, will give a presentation on the Improving Standards in Writing Initiative within primary and secondary schools across West Dunbartonshire.

In this respect, submit a report by the Director of Education and Cultural Services.

4. DISABILITY EQUALITY SCHEME – PRESENTATION (pages 7 – 44)

Ms Vicky McGraw, Additional Support for Learning Development Officer, will give a presentation on the education component of the Disability Equality Scheme.

In this respect submit a report by the Director of Education and Cultural Services.

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (pages 45 – 51)

Submit for approval as a correct record the Minutes of Meeting of the Children's Services Committee held on 11 October 2006.

6. THE LOCAL NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE FOR TEACHERS (pages 53 – 55)

Submit for approval the Minutes of Meeting of the Local Negotiating Committee for Teachers held on 26 September 2006.

7. PROGRESS REPORT ON THE WORK RELATING TO THE CLOSURE OF BRAIDFIELD HIGH SCHOOL AND THE TRANSFER OF PUPILS, STAFF AND RESOURCES TO CLYDEBANK HIGH SCHOOL (pages 57 – 59)

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of the Children's Services Committee held on 17 May 2006, submit report by the Director of Education and Cultural Services providing a final progress report on work relating to the closure of Braidfield High School in June 2006 and the transfer of pupils, staff and resources to Clydebank High School in August 2006.

8. PERFORMANCE INDICATORS FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES (pages 61 – 66)

Submit report by the Director of Social Work Services providing a progress report on Social Work Performance within Children's Services for the period 1 July to 30 September 2006.

9. WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE NEET ACTION PLAN (pages 67 – 97)

Submit report by the Director of Education and Cultural Services presenting for information and retrospective approval the West Dunbartonshire Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) Action Plan prepared for submission to the Scottish Executive by 31 October 2006.

10. PROTECTING VULNERABLE GROUPS (SCOTLAND) BILL
(pages 99 – 112)

Submit report by the Director of Education and Cultural Services providing information on West Dunbartonshire's submission of written evidence to the Scottish Parliament's Education Committee on the Protecting Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Bill.

11. CHILDCARE CHARGES IN EARLY EDUCATION & CHILDCARE CENTRES
(pages 113 – 120)

Submit report by the Director of Education and Cultural Services seeking approval for new revised charges for the provision of childcare in Council operated Early Education & Childcare Centres.

12. SCHOOL TRANSPORT TENDERING PROCEDURES SESSION 2007/2008
(pages 121 – 123)

Submit report by the Director of Education and Cultural Services:-

- (a) advising of the proposed timetable for the processing of tenders for mainstream school contracts and for pupils with additional support needs; and
- (b) seeking approval to proceed with the proposed timetable in order to secure contracts for school transport for session 2006/2007 and up to session 2011/2012 where contracts are for 3 or 5 years' duration.

13. HER MAJESTY'S INSPECTORATE OF EDUCATION: REPORT ON
GARTOCHARN PRIMARY SCHOOL
(pages 125 – 140)

Submit report by the Director of Education and Cultural Services providing information on the inspection of Gartocharn Primary School by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education (HMIE) and the subsequent report published by HMIE on 24 October 2006.

14. HER MAJESTY'S INSPECTORATE OF EDUCATION: REPORT ON
GOLDENHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL
(pages 141 – 155)

Submit report by the Director of Education and Cultural Services providing information on the inspection of Goldenhill Primary School by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education (HMIE) and the subsequent report published by HMIE on 3 October 2006.

15. INTEGRATED INSPECTIONS OF EARLY EDUCATION & CHILDCARE CENTRES – UPDATE (pages 157 – 185)

Submit report by the Director of Education and Cultural Services containing information on the integrated inspections carried out in Early Education & Childcare Centres since April 2006.

16. UPDATE OF CAPITAL AND REVENUE BUILDING PROGRAMME 2006/2007 (pages 187 – 198)

Submit report by the Director of Education and Cultural Services providing up-to-date information on the status of Education and Revenue Building Projects within the Education and Cultural Services Department and drawing the Committee's attention to significant issues or problems with the progress of any particular project.

17. 2006-07 REVENUE ESTIMATES – BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1 APRIL TO 15 OCTOBER 2006 (pages 199 – 239)

Submit report by the Director of Education and Cultural Services providing up-to-date information on expenditure and income to date within the Education and Cultural Services approved budget for 2006-2007.

18. QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT (pages 241 – 268)

Submit report by the Director of Education and Cultural highlighting the Department of Education and Cultural Services' performance for the period April to September 2006 across all relevant areas.

19. REVISED MUSEUM COLLECTIONS MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN (pages 269 – 292)

Submit report by the Director of Education and Cultural Services containing information on the National Accreditation Scheme for Museums and the requirement to adopt a revised Collections Management and Development Plan to govern Clydebank Museum's collecting strategy.

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