

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton G82 3PU

13 August 2009

MEETING: WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

**WEDNESDAY 26 AUGUST 2009
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, 26 August 2009 at 6.00 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

Executive Director of Corporate Services

Executive Director of Educational Services

Executive Director of Social Work and Health

Executive Director of Housing, Environmental & Economic Development

For information on the following agenda please contact George Hawthorn, Legal, Administrative and Regulatory Services, Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton, G82 3PU on Tel: (01389) 737204 or e-mail: george.hawthorn@west-dunbartonshire.gov.uk

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, 26 AUGUST 2009

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 MEETING

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

- (a) Ordinary Meeting held on 24 June 2009
- (b) Ceremonial Meeting held on 26 June 2009
- (c) Special Meeting held on 6 August 2009

4. OPEN FORUM

The Council is asked to consider the undernoted open forum question:-

Mr Edward Grant – Speed Bumps on Bus Route

Would the Council consider having the speed bumps on the 81, 17, x17 and 300 Bus Route removed?

The reasons for this are: (1) The residents were never consulted; (2) They damage Cars, Buses, and Passengers; (3) They DO NOT Slow Down speeding traffic; (4) I did a survey of the road users and THE BUMPS DO NOT WORK and are not worth the Damage, Danger to the elderly on buses.

I am sure that if I did a Petition this would prove my point and if the Council members would like they could come with me on my daily journeys for the experience.

While I can see reasons for the BUMPS at a School or Hospital or even WHERE there has been a problem with SPEEDING, I would like to know HOW the BUMPS are justified on a Bus Route?

5. MINUTES OF THE AUDIT & PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE HELD ON 10 JUNE 2009

Submit for information, and where necessary ratification, the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Audit & Performance Review Committee held on 10 June 2009.

6. MINUTES OF THE JOINT CONSULTATIVE FORUM HELD ON 25 JUNE 2009

Submit for information, and where necessary ratification, the Minutes of Meeting of the Joint Consultative Forum held on 25 June 2009.

7. AUDIT OF BEST VALUE AND COMMUNITY PLANNING – ACCOUNTS COMMISSION FINDINGS

Submit report by the Chief Executive presenting the final published version of Audit Scotland's Best Value Audit Progress Report, including the Accounts Commission's findings.

8. ELECTED MEMBER INVOLVEMENT IN COMMUNITY PLANNING STRUCTURES

Submit report by the Chief Executive proposing arrangements which support the widest possible participation by elected members in Community Planning structures, and in particular, the six thematic groups which have been established recently.

9. COMMITTEE TIMETABLE – SEPTEMBER 2009 TO DECEMBER 2010

Submit report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services seeking approval of the Committee timetable for September 2009 to December 2010.

10. GENERAL SERVICES REVENUE BUDGETARY CONTROL STATEMENT TO 15 JULY 2009 (Period 3)

Submit report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services advising the Council of the performance of the General Services Revenue Budget for the period to 15 July 2009.

11. GENERAL SERVICES CAPITAL BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT: PERIOD 3 (2009/2010)

Submit report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services providing the Council with an update on the General Services Capital Plan 2009/2010 for the period to 15 July 2009.

12. GENERAL SERVICES CAPITAL PLAN 2009/10, 2010/11 and 2011/12

Submit report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services providing the Council with an update of the current Capital Plan 2009/10, and capital bids 2010/11 and 2011/12.

13. DRAFT ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2008/2009

Submit report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services providing the Council with a copy of the draft Annual Accounts for 2008/09 and highlighting matters of interest.

14. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT 2009/10 – BUDGETARY CONTROL STATEMENT TO 15 JULY 2009 (Period 3)

Submit report by the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development providing the Council with an update on the financial performance of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) to the period ending 15 July 2009.

15. HRA CAPITAL PROGRAMME BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT TO 15 JULY 2009 (PERIOD 3)

Submit report by the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development advising the Council of progress of the HRA Capital Programme 2009/2010.

16./

16. NOTICE OF MOTION

Motion by Councillor Patrick McGlinchey – Petitions Committee

Council notes the criticisms on West Dunbartonshire Council's progress on Community Engagement detailed within the Best Value and Community Planning Progress Report published in June, which stated: "*The council has made limited progress in improving community engagement activity, which was highlighted as a priority by the Commission in the 2008 progress report*".

Council wishes to improve mechanisms for community groups and individuals to engage directly with the Council on the issues that matter to them.

Council notes that both the Scottish Parliament and East Lothian Council have successfully set up Petition Committees to enhance Community Engagement.

With this in mind, the Council requests officers to bring forward a report outlining the viability of setting up a 'Petitions Committee' whereby members of the public can petition Council on issues concerning services or activities provided by West Dunbartonshire Council. The report should outline possible criteria, procedures and remit for such a committee, and should consider using the Community Participation Committee as a possible vehicle for dealing with petitions.

Furthermore, Officers are asked to look at the viability of setting up an e-petitions system.