

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Chief Executive

Corporate & Efficient Governance Committee : 27 January 2010

Subject: WWF Earth Hour 2010

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide information on WWF Earth Hour 2010 and to seek approval for West Dunbartonshire Council's participation in this event.

2. Background

- 2.1 WWF Earth Hour is an international event encouraging people to turn lights off for one hour between 8.30pm to 9.30pm on Saturday 27th March 2010 to demonstrate their concern about climate change and commitment to tackling climate change.
- 2.2 Earth Hour provides local authorities with a valuable opportunity to show residents how serious they are in engaging with climate change issues, including commitments under Scotland's Climate Change Declaration.
- 2.3 WDC took part in this event last year by promoting the event locally and switching off building lights where practical during Earth Hour (excluding street lights, emergency and security lighting).

3. Main Issues

- 3.1 Earth Hour takes place on Saturday 27th March 2010, between 8.30pm to 9.30pm. Participation would involve switching off lights in Council buildings where it was practical (and there were no health and safety or security issues). Further to this, WDC could promote the event locally, particularly through schools and local media, encouraging residents to make an individual commitment to switching lights off in their own homes.

4. Personnel Issues

- 4.1 None.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 None.

6. Risk Analysis

- 6.1 No risks identified.

7. Conclusions & Officers' Recommendations

- 7.1** Participation in WWF Earth Hour 2010 would demonstrate WDC's commitment to tackling climate change and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. It is therefore recommended that the Committee agree to WDC taking part in this event.

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Appendices: None

Background Papers: n/a

Wards Affected: n/a