

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton, G82 3PU

7 August 2003

MEETING: SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, 13 AUGUST 2003
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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Dear Sir/Madam

Please attend a meeting of the **Social Justice Committee** to be held in Council Chambers, Municipal Buildings, Station Road, Dumbarton on Wednesday, 13 August 2003 at 2.00 p.m.

The business is as shown on the enclosed agenda.

Yours faithfully

TIM HUNTINGFORD

Chief Executive

Distribution:

Councillor D. Agnew
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Councillor L. McColl
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3 Opposition Members (to be nominated)

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Director of Commercial and Technical Services
Director of Education and Cultural Services
Director of Social Work and Housing Services

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AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

2. APPOINTMENT OF CONVENER

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of Council held on 25 June 2003 concerning the membership of Committees and the appointment of Conveners thereto, the Committee is requested to consider the appointment of Convener of the Social Justice Committee.

3. MODERNISING SCOTLAND'S SOCIAL HOUSING: A CONSULTATION PAPER (pages 1 - 5)

Submit report by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services advising of issues raised in the Scottish Executive's consultation paper, "Modernising Scotland's Social Housing".

4. TAX CREDITS (pages 7 - 16)

Submit report by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services advising the Committee of the issues raised by the new tax credit system and drawing attention to a discrepancy in the new application form which could deprive disabled children and their families of benefits.

5. HOME CARE SERVICES – CHARGING POLICY (pages 17 - 31)

Submit report by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services seeking approval for a revision of charging policy for non-residential services that enable older people to remain in their own homes, consistent with COSLA guidance issued in May 2002, and Supporting People's Charging & Financial Guidelines.

6. WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL – DRAFT SCHEME OF DIRECT PAYMENTS (pages 33 - 93)

Submit report by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services seeking approval for the implementation of West Dunbartonshire Council's draft scheme of Direct Payments.

7. SOCIAL WORK GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS (pages 95 - 98)

Submit report by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services making recommendations on the level of grants payable to voluntary organisations.

8. WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE DOMESTIC ABUSE STRATEGY: COUNCIL IMPLEMENTATION PROPOSALS (pages 99 - 102)

Submit report by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services informing Members of progress with the West Dunbartonshire Intra Agency Group on Domestic Abuse and updating Members on action to date.

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