

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL
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SPECIAL MEETING: WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, 17 JANUARY 2007
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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Dear Member,

Please attend a Special Meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council which will be held in the **Council Chambers, Clydebank Town Hall, Dumbarton Road, Clydebank** on Wednesday, 17 January 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. ACCOUNTS COMMISSION AUDIT OF BEST VALUE AND COMMUNITY PLANNING – WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL – FINDINGS
(Pages 1 - 21)**

Submit report by the Chief Executive requesting the Council to consider the Accounts Commission's recommendations:-

- (a) to review the following decisions in light of Best Value Guidance on corporate decision making:
 - (i) Allocation of Schools Improvement Fund;
 - (ii) Partial Housing Stock Transfer; and
 - (iii) Closure of facilities in Renton.
- (b) to prepare and formally adopt an improvement plan to address immediate and medium term priorities outlined in the report.

3. ACCOUNTS COMMISSION CONSULTATION - REVIEW OF THE AUDIT OF BEST VALUE AND COMMUNITY PLANNING (Pages 23 - 39)

Submit report by the Chief Executive presenting a draft response to the Accounts Commission paper entitled "Review of the Audit of Best Value and Community Planning" for consideration by the Council.

**4. APPLICATION TO JOIN THE COMMUNITY OWNERSHIP PROGRAMME
(Pages 41 - 46)**

Submit report by the Chief Executive:-

- (a) informing the Council of the decision by Communities Scotland that the Council's application to join the Community Ownership Programme (COP) is not acceptable in its current form; and
- (b) advising that the Council has until 30 January 2007 to make comments concerning this matter.

5. COMMUNITIES SCOTLAND INSPECTION OF HOUSING MANAGEMENT SERVICES (Pages 47 - 61)

Submit report by the Chief Executive informing the Council of the decision by Scottish Ministers indicating that they are minded to require West Dunbartonshire Council to provide Communities Scotland with a remedial plan under Section 74 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001 concerning housing and related services.

6. THE SCHOOLS FUND 2006/2007 - ADDITIONAL ALLOCATIONS (Pages 63 - 74)

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

- (a) informing the Council of the second additional allocation of funds made available by the Scottish Executive Education Department (SEED) for school building improvements in 2006-07; and
- (b) seeking the approval of Council to proposals for the disbursement of these additional funds.

7. DECISION MAKING PROCESSES RELATING TO THE CLOSURE OF RENTON LIBRARY, RENTON COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTRE AND LEVEN COTTAGE CARE HOME (Pages 75 – 81)

Submit report by the Chief Executive presenting to the Council the findings of the Chief Executive's investigation into decision making processes prior to the closures of Renton Library, Renton Community Education Centre and Leven Cottage Care Home and, as a result, allow the Council to review those decisions.

8. CHANGES TO SERVICE SPOKESPERSONS, COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES

The Council is asked to consider making changes to the above in light of recent changes to the political leadership of the Council.