

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

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17 June 2011

MEETING: WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

**WEDNESDAY, 29 JUNE 2011
MAIN HALL
ABBOTSFORD CHURCH HALL
ABBOTSFORD ROAD
CLYDEBANK**

Dear Member,

Please attend a Meeting of **West Dunbartonshire Council** to be held in the **Main Hall, Abbotsford Church Hall, Abbotsford Road, Clydebank, on Wednesday, 29 June 2011 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 Housing, Environmental & Economic Development

Director of West Dunbartonshire Community Health and Care Partnership

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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 Minutes of the Meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council held on 25 May 2011.

4. OPEN FORUM

The Council is asked to note that no open forum questions have been submitted by members of the public.

5. MINUTES OF THE AUDIT & PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE HELD ON 11 MAY 2011

Submit for information, and where necessary ratification, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Audit & Performance Review Committee held on 11 May 2011.

6. MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE HELD ON 18 MAY 2011

Submit for information, and where necessary ratification, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Participation Committee held on 18 May 2011.

7. REMIT FROM PLANNING COMMITTEE – SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ON AMENDMENTS TO NON-DOMESTIC ELEMENTS OF PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS

Submit Excerpt Minute and report by the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development requesting consideration of the consultation paper on the above and to agree a response.

8. AUDIT SCOTLAND REPORT: AN OVERVIEW OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN SCOTLAND 2010

Submit report by the Chief Executive on the Council's response to Audit Scotland's report 'An overview of local government in Scotland 2010'.

9. SHARED RISK ASSESSMENT - ASSURANCE AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN (copy to follow)

Submit report by the Chief Executive presenting an Assurance and Improvement Plan (AIP) scorecard report for 2011/12.

10. WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT 2011-14

Submit report by the Chief Executive seeking approval for the West Dunbartonshire Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) 2011-14.

11. GENERAL SERVICES CAPITAL PLAN 2011/12

Submit report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services providing Members with the General Services Capital Plan for 2011/12 recommended by the Corporate Management Team (CMT).

12. SECURITISATION – OPTIONS FOR INVESTMENT (copy to follow)

Submit report by the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development:-

- (a) informing of the investment projects which have been developed to outline business case stage which would benefit the Council by improving the delivery of its services and/or revenue costs and could be funded from either the existing Council's General Services Capital funds, the Council's Modernisation Fund, Spend to Save Budgets and/or monies raised through the Council's Securitisation Project; and
- (b) seeking approval to develop these projects into detailed business cases which would be submitted to Council for consideration at the end of the year.

13. DRAFT FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2011/12 TO 2020/21

Submit report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services seeking approval of the Council's draft Financial Strategy 2011/12 to 2020/21.

14. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS (copy to follow)

Submit report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services on the above.

15. VACANCIES ON OUTSIDE BODIES – WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE LEISURE TRUST

Submit report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services requesting the Council to nominate three Councillors to serve as Directors on the Board of Trustees of West Dunbartonshire Leisure Trust.

16. PROGRESS REPORT ON THE REPROVISION OF AUCHENTOSHAN DAY CENTRE

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council held on 30 March 2011, submit report by the Chief Executive providing Council with an update on the re-provision of Auchentoshan Day Services.

17. JOINT CONSULTATIVE FORUM MINUTE - DECISIONS ON COMPETENCY OF GRIEVANCES

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council held on 25 May 2011, submit report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services providing further information and clarification in respect of the recommendations contained within the report.

18. NOTICES OF MOTION

(a) Motion by Councillor David McBride – ‘Ontowork’

Council notes the SNP during their Emergency Budget in October 2010 rejected the savings option

“HEED 14 – Terminate Grant to Ontowork”

instead they decided “Retain the service and transfer to CPP as part of the review of advice services”

The Labour Group opposed the transfer to the CPP as it put the continued funding of Ontowork at risk. Furthermore, it would mean that funding could be withdrawn from Ontowork without the need for a Council decision or proper scrutiny or transparency.

Council is concerned to learn the CPP have withdrawn funding and forced the closure of Ontowork.

The Labour Group takes no pleasure in this prediction coming to fruition. The SNP’s October 2010 decision regarding Ontowork to “Retain the service” was simply SNP spin. It has also ensured that the closure is now going ahead without an open and transparent report to the Council.

This Council therefore calls for an urgent report on the future funding of Ontowork, including options to continue the provision, with a reviewed service that meets the required challenges to employability in West Dunbartonshire. This report should be presented for decision to a Special Council Meeting immediately after the July recess and before 5 August 11.

(b) Motion by Councillor Martin Rooney – Catering Managers

This Council is disappointed that a restructure of Catering Services, which comprises a predominantly female workforce, was carried out without the benefit of an equality impact assessment.

Failure to carry out the equality impact assessment is contrary to the spirit of the duties placed on public bodies such as West Dunbartonshire Council.

Council is concerned about the potential negative impact that the restructure will have on employees morale and livelihoods.

Council is also concerned about the potential negative message that is given out when we fail to recognise the interests of a specific equality group.

This Council therefore calls on the Chief Executive to bring forward a report to the next Council meeting outlining the decision making process and providing full details of the proposed changes for consideration by elected Members.

(c) Motion by Councillor Patrick McGlinchey – Procedure for dealing with Petitions from local residents

Council notes that despite questions and concerns expressed by elected members there is still no agreed process for dealing with Petitions from local residents.

Therefore subject to modification of the process by other elected members, this Council agrees to the introduction of the following process for dealing with petitions.

Process for Dealing with Petitions

All Petitions received are to be forwarded to West Dunbartonshire Council Legal Officer.

The Legal Officer will acknowledge receipt of the Petition and inform the petitioner what action is being taken.

The Legal officer will then forward a copy of the Petition to the appropriate Executive Director for their consideration.

The Legal Officer should ensure that the details of all petitions are passed to all elected Members for their attention.

All elected Members should be informed by the appropriate Executive Director of the outcome of the petition.