

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton G82 3PU

18 March 2011

MEETING: WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

**WEDNESDAY 30 MARCH 2011
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, 30 March 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 23 February 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 COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE HELD ON 19 JANUARY 2011

Submit for information, and where necessary ratification, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Participation Committee held on 19 January 2011.

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6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR SCOTLAND – CONSULTATION PAPER ON DETERMINING COUNCILLOR NUMBERS

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of Council held on 23 February 2011, submit report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services on the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland – Consultation Paper on Determining Councillor Numbers.

7. VACANCIES ON OUTSIDE BODIES AND THE LICENSING BOARD

Submit report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services requesting the Council to make nominations in respect of vacancies arising in the list of outside bodies and the Licensing Board.

8. KEY CORPORATE PERFORMANCE INDICATORS FOR 2011/12

Submit report by the Chief Executive presenting proposals to changes to Key Performance Indicators for 2011/12.

9. PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2010/11 TO 2013/14 AND TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2011/12 TO 2013/14

Submit report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services seeking approval of:-

- (a) Prudential Indicators for 2010/11 to 2013/14; and
- (b) Treasury Management Strategy for 2011/12 to 2013/14.

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**10. GENERAL SERVICES REVENUE BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT:
PERIOD 10 (2010/11)**

Submit report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services informing the Council of the performance of the General Services Revenue budget for the period ending 31 January 2011.

**11. GENERAL SERVICES CAPITAL BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT: PERIOD
10 (2010/11)**

Submit report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services providing the Council with an update on the Capital Plan for 2010/2011.

**12. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT 2010/11 - BUDGETARY CONTROL
STATEMENT (PERIOD 10)**

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) for the period ending 31 January 2011.

**13. HRA CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2010/11 BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT
(PERIOD 10)**

Submit report by the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development advising the Council of the progress made on the HRA Capital Programme 2010/11.

14. HRA CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2011/12

Submit report by the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development seeking approval of the 2011/12 HRA Capital Programme of £20,561m, which is based on investment requirements set out in the Standard Delivery Plan agreed by Council in October 2008.

15. HOUSING PROPERTY MAINTENANCE TRADING ACCOUNT

Submit report by the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development providing information on available options for budgeting for surplus generated by the Housing Property Maintenance Trading Account.

16. NOTICES OF MOTION

(a) Motion by Councillor David McBride – Community Planning Partnership Budget

Council notes that the SNP budget made cuts in excess of £12 million this year in order to close an £8 million budget gap.

The Community Planning Partnership in particular has had its budget significantly reduced as a result of the budget. The SNP cuts and the transfer of liabilities to the Community Planning Partnership on 14th October 2010 meant that the Community Planning Partnership budget included £1,397,190 of ***‘Efficiencies – to be identified’***

Council has yet to be notified of how the Community Planning Partnership will achieve the £1,397,190 of efficiencies. However, it is certain that there will be reductions to a number of valued projects and services which could include:

- Strategic Partners – West Dunbartonshire Citizen Advice Bureau; The Independent Resource Centre; Alexandria Ontowork Service;
- Projects – Pupil & Family Support Project; More Choices More Chances Project; and Changing Children’s Services Project

Council agrees that a Report outlining the full details of the £1,397,190 of cuts is to be presented to the April Council meeting.

The budget includes the Community Planning Partnership core funding and the £2,197,570 of transferred liabilities. The Community Planning Partnership budget is still to achieve the SNP £1,397,190 worth of efficiencies in 2011/2012 in order to balance the books. A breakdown of the existing 2011/12 CPP Budget is outlined below.

COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP 2011/2012 BUDGET WITHOUT THE £1,397,190 OF CUTS APPLIED

Chief Executive Projects: £237,380

- St. Michaels Family Support Group - £14,630
- Tackling Poverty and Income Equality - £177,750

- Tackling Fuel Poverty - £45,000 (Payments to other agencies)

Education: £826,580

- More Choices More Chances - £342,000
- National Entitlement Card - £5,620
- Club Coach & Volunteer Sports (Sports Development) - £18,760
- Sports Development - £60,000
- Pupil & Family Support £228,000
- Youth Outreach & Detached - £46,500
- Youth Learning – Duke of Edinburgh (CL&D) - £15,000
- Youth Consultation & Representation (CL&D) - £67,500
- Youth Learning – SPARC (CL&D) - £43,200

Social Work: £675,000

- Pupil & Family Support - £262,000
- Children affected by disability - £80,000
- Changing Children’s Services - £123,000
- Reducing Drug & Alcohol Misuse - £210,000

HEED: £495,610

- Waste Fires – Environmental Programme - £111,680
- Access to Facilities - £26,730
- Tourism & Hospitality Action Plan - £30,000
- Homeless Prevention - £55,600
- Neighbourhood Services Pilot - £100,000
- Safe Drive/Pass Plus - £15,000
- The Pulse - £86,600
- Public Reassurance Initiative - £25,000
- Mobile CCTV - £45,000

Corporate Services: £72,400

- Financial Monitoring Charge - £72,400

Chief Executive CPP Staff: £252,150

- Staffing; Admin; and Property Costs - £251,800
- Volunteers/Training Expenses - £350

Miscellaneous: £207,500

- Community Planning Partnership – Admin Recharge to WDC: £87,500
- WDC Direct Partner Contribution: £120,000

Payments to Other Organisations and Services Transferred to CPP: £2,197,570

- Contribution towards Policing: £300,000
- Payments to External Organisations: £1,897,570

Breakdown of Community Planning Charges by Council Department

DEPARTMENT	EMPLOYEES	TRANSPORT	PROPERTY	SUPPLIES & SERVICES
Chief Executive	Employee Costs £111,520 £229,040 £191,810	Transport £600 £1,200 £570	Property Costs £620 £11,160	Supplies & Services £1,820 £10,400
Corporate Services	Employee Costs £70,250	Transport £500	Property Costs £250	Supplies & Services £1,400
Educational Services	Employee Costs £475,930	Transport £400	Property Costs £11,710	Supplies & Services £177,000
Social Work	Employee Costs £433,730	Transport £12,500	Property Costs Nil	Supplies & Services £13,770
HEED	Employee Costs £162,200	Transport £3,450	Property Costs £960	Supplies & Services £82,250
TOTALS	£1,574,480.	£19,220	£24,700	£286,640

(b) Motion by Councillor Lawrence O'Neill – Skypoint Centre

This Council is disappointed by the SNP Administration's recent decision to close the three Branch Libraries in: Faifley; Gavinburn; and Ladyton.

Council agrees that the loss of these services will have a negative impact on the communities they have served for decades.

In addition Council is concerned that the loss of the Faifley Branch Library could undermine the long term sustainability of Skypoint in Faifley.

Council therefore agrees that the Chief Executive brings forward a report to a future Council meeting showing the plans for the long term sustainability of Skypoint.

(c) Motion by Councillor Geoff Calvert - Supporting People Funding

This Council notes that in a response to a Parliamentary Question (PQ), the Cabinet Secretary, for Finance and Sustainable Growth, Mr John Swinney, pointed out that there was no separate Supporting People allocations for 2008 – 2012 and that the distribution of the Supporting People funding had been retained within the needs-based formula, including the updating of the indicators for 2011-12, which was agreed by Council Leaders on 19th November 2010.

This Council notes that Mr Swinney's explanation is at odds with responses from the Chief Executive, Mr David McMillan who clearly stated to Cllr David McBride that COSLA did not knowingly agree to the changes to the distribution formula on 19th November, 2010.

This Council notes the contradictory nature of these positions.

In short either:

1. John Swinney's answer is an inaccurate reflection of the COSLA position and Council Leaders did not agree the redistribution and the Supporting People cuts and that the responsibility for the resulting cut in funding to this Council lies at the door of the Scottish Government; or
2. John Swinney's answer is an accurate reflection of the COSLA position and therefore the Leader of the Council, Councillor Ronnie McColl knowingly voted for a £2.2 million cut rather than a £1m increase in our funding; or
3. John Swinney's answer is an accurate reflection of the COSLA position and the Leader of the Council, Councillor Ronnie McColl, did not understand the implications of the report but voted for a £2.2 million cut rather than a £1m increase anyway.

Whether the decision was agreed by Council Leaders or was not agreed by Council Leaders, is of vital importance since this Council received a £2.2 million cut of funding instead of the anticipated £1 million uplift in needs-based monies. The combined outcome of this decision resulted in an overall deficit of £3.2 million to this Council to what could have been reasonably predicted. This matter needs to be resolved before next year's budget round.

Given the importance of the needs-based funds for provision of vital services to vulnerable people in West Dunbartonshire, this Council requests the Chief Executive to provide a report to the April Council meeting explaining which of the three scenarios outlined above is the correct one.